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Steve Earle at the 30A Songwriters Festival
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Opening Remarks

Shutdown Hits Home

I had something hilarious and absurd planned for this issue's Opening Remarks, but then I got an email from Shelter House Executive Director **Rosalyn Wik.**

In case you thought the government shutdown didn't affect folks in Beachcomberland, think again. Shelter House, the state-certified victim services program serving Okaloosa and Walton counties, is already being affected by our Reality-TV-Star-in-Chief's temper tantrum, which started December 22, 2018.

Democrats, you're not off the hook, either. There's this thing they taught me in Political Science 101 called "compromise."

Anyway, Ms. Wik writes: "The provision of lifesaving services for domestic violence survivors and their children depends on a combination of private, state and federal funding, and the continuation of these critical services has been compromised due to the current government shutdown.

"Contracts for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, a source that provides nearly 40 percent of funding for victim services at Shelter House, are reimbursable and the agencies receiving these funds front the money to provide services and are then reimbursed by the Office of the Attorney General. Prior to the shutdown, these funds were already slow to be recouped, and Shelter House had not been reimbursed since October for funds expended for victims services.

"What people may not realize is this truly is a matter of life and death. So many of the survivors coming through our doors are in imminent danger and come to us with nothing. If we are forced to keep cutting back on services, victims will have nowhere to go.

"In an effort to keep the center's most critical services operating, Shelter House has responded by operating with minimum staffing patterns, suspending all supply purchases and monetary participant assistance and cutting back on contracted services such as licensed mental health therapy for adult survivors.

"Survivors reaching out for help may find themselves facing long wait lists for services or be redirected out of the county due to a lack of resources during this period of time. If the availability of federal funding is not quickly restored, in a matter of weeks the agency may have to consider program office closures, additional staffing reductions or liquidating assets just to maintain its most critical core services.

"Shelter House's emergency shelter program for domestic violence survivors and their children was at 90 percent of its normal operating capacity when news came that outstanding federal grant reimbursements would be halted. Since July 1, 2018, the agency has already served 80 adults and 59 children in the emergency shelter, 272 domestic violence and sexual assault survivors at their outreach program offices, responded to 55 sexual assault victims at local area hospitals, and answered 628 hotline calls.

"Shelter House is not unique in this predicament, as a recent press release by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence indicates that over

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This Issue's Contributors

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** (Cover) is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently gearing up for beach wedding season and wonders if anyone can own too many concert t-shirts.

For two decades, **Gretchen Peters** ("30A Fest – 10 Years of Connection and Collaboration") has been one of Nashville's most beloved and respected artists. "If Peters never delivers another tune as achingly beautiful as 'On A Bus To St. Cloud,'" *People* Magazine wrote, "she has already earned herself a spot among country's upper echelon of contemporary composers."

Inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in October 2014 by singer-songwriter Rodney Crowell, who called her "both a songwriter and a poet (who) sings as beautifully as she writes," and said her song "The Matador" "moved me so greatly, I cried from the soles of my feet," Peters has accumulated accolades as a songwriter for artists as diverse as Etta James, Bonnie Raitt, The Neville Brothers, Patty Loveless, George Strait, Bryan Adams and Faith Hill.

Her 2015 album, *Blackbirds,* debuted at #1 on the UK Country chart and the Top 40 UK Pop chart, and was awarded International Album of the Year and Song of the Year. In 2015, *The Telegraph* named her one of the 60 greatest female singer-songwriters of all time. Her latest album, *Dancing With The Beast*, was released in 2018.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Mr. Jones was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Mr. Jones create his masterpieces.

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David is currently writing several books, including two on nonviolence. In his spare time, he enjoys watching films, conducting choirs, singing with the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale, and being an advocate for social justice.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

half of the state's 42 certified domestic violence centers will face reduction in their level of services to survivors by month two of the federal shutdown. A recent press release by the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence states many of the state's 31 certified sexual assault programs are already facing layoffs, cutback, and some may be forced to close their doors.

"In the wake of Hurricane Michael, Florida will face uncommon fiscal challenges that will diminish the state's ability to compensate for any loss of federal funding.

"In addition to the cash flow crisis the shutdown has caused, the humanitarian impact is substantial. Even when the shutdown ends and funding is restored, it will not erase the violence suffered by those who were unable to receive services in the interim. There were 180 domestic violence homicides in Florida in fiscal year 2017-18.

"This number is staggering and would be much higher without the vital services provided through domestic violence centers. If centers cannot access the funding they need to continue, they will be unable to provide shelter services, safety planning, legal assistance to obtain injunctions for protection, and other critical lifesaving services. Every person deserves to live free of abuse, but for many the opportunity and ability to escape violence and find security is a matter of life or death.

"Shelter House has started a fundraising campaign to keep critical services available to survivors in Okaloosa and Walton counties. Community members and supporters can contribute by visiting this donation link on the Shelter House website."

https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ShelterHouseInc/governmentshutdownrelief.html

You can also contact the main program office at 850-243-1201. Meantime, I encourage all *Beachcomber* readers to send a copy of this article to each and every one of our so-called representatives. I will personally reimburse you on postage.

Love,
Editor Manson

Destin Gets Crafty, CIC Gets $13,000

The inaugural Destin Crafted event was held at The Henderson Beach Resort Saturday, November 3, 2018. This craft beer, bourbon, and food festival was organized by Wine World to raise funds for Children in Crisis Inc., a local nonprofit whose mission is to support and house children in need in Northwest Florida.

This month, Wine World donated festival proceeds to the charity in the amount of $13,410.

"Our goal in partnering with The Henderson was to host an event unlike any other in the area," said Wine World honcho **Chan Cox.** "Wine World's event expertise, coupled with a gorgeous venue, was the key, and the results were even more than we imagined. We are thrilled that our community and sponsors joined us at this fabulous resort to make this donation to the charity possible."

Nearly 500 guests, both locals and visitors, attended Destin Crafted, with events spanning from the VIP cocktail party on the sunset terrace Friday night to Saturday's main festival on The Henderson's pool deck. Celebrity distillers and brewers joined local restaurants and community sponsors to provide a unique experience to festivalgoers and enthusiasts.

"The event raised the bar high—it was the best one ever! I can't thank everyone enough," said CIC president and CEO **Ken Hair.** "This supports our Children's Neighborhood and improves the lives of the at-risk kids we take care of."

This year's Destin Crafted main event is set for Saturday, **Nov. 9,** at The Henderson. Plans are underway to add new food and beverages for guests, as well as possibly expanding the event

and adding extra activities. All proceeds will again benefit Children in Crisis, Inc.

Learn more at **destincrafted.com.**

- Proffitt PR

For Sandestin, This Could Be the Last Straw

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort recently instituted plans to enhance "green" initiatives by providing paper straws only upon request throughout Sandestin-owned venues, including Marina Bar & Grill, Fat Tuesdays in Baytowne Wharf, Caffe Siena, Beach Club, and Meeting and Event's Banquet Services, projecting 100 percent compliance on the new policy by December 2018.

"We continue to identify eco-friendly practices that can be incorporated into our business model and will positively affect our local environment," said **Sara Becnel,** vice-president of development for Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. "As a coastal community, our resort is sensitive to our surroundings. Keeping the delicate coastal habitat healthy and pristine is a major goal of our resort."

Sandestin joins other hospitality companies that have initiated plastic straw bans, including Marriott International, Hilton, Four Seasons, and Carnival.

Additionally, Sandestin has placed water conservation efforts into practice by educating guests on the impact of hanging towels for reuse that are not dirty, thus avoiding unnecessary laundry service. For group guests who know in advance they prefer to conserve, an opt-out of daily housekeeping is offered in exchange for two complimentary drinks per day. "Research shows that commercial and institutional facilities are responsible for about 17 percent of the withdrawals from U.S. public water systems," said Ms. Becnel.

Annually, Sandestin will replace almost half a million single-use plastic straws with paper—stretching almost 79 miles end to end—and will continue to encourage all resort venues to make the transition and to innovate toward uncovering even more conservation opportunities than ever before.

Sandestin will continue to make plastic straws available, upon request, to people with limited mobility.

- Aleis Tusa

NWF State College Breathes Easy

Northwest Florida State College (NWF) campuses and centers are tobacco-free effective January 1, 2019, per the Board of Trustees policy unanimously approved in June 2018. Smoking and the use of all tobacco products (including e-cigarettes, vaping and smokeless tobacco) are prohibited at all NWF facilities, properties, and vehicles (owned or leased) regardless of location.

The Northwest Florida State College Tobacco Free Task Force was formed in September 2015 at the request of the Student Government Association. The NWF Tobacco Free Task Force's purpose is to strengthen community awareness with the vision of a safe, healthy campus of tobacco-free adults.

The task force obtained 54 letters of support from faculty and staff along with a petition containing 211 signatures from students in support of a tobacco-free college. All 28 colleges within the Florida College System were surveyed to determine their level of tobacco use on campus.

"It is very exciting to see the efforts that have been made by NWF State College administration to best represent their students," said NWF Student Government Association President **Drew Hannah.** "We are very grateful to the Board of Trustees and Dr. Stephenson for creating a healthier environment at NWF."

NWF pays 100 percent of the cost of medical insurance for all full-time employees. Health insurance costs are rising annually at a rate of between 5 and 7 percent, and there is a health insurance "loss ratio" at NWF that is 5.5 percent higher than the average in the Florida College System (95 percent vs. 89.5 percent average).

"Improving the health of our employees by reducing or eliminating the use of tobacco is a high priority for the college, both from a well-being and cost perspective," said NWF President **Dr. Devin Stephenson.** "The intention is to make a healthy impact on the lives of our students, employees and the community."

Additional information is at **www.nwfsc.edu/tobacco-free.**

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FREE Tax Assistance Coming to Destin Library – You're Gonna Need It!

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AARP volunteers will provide FREE individual federal tax assistance at the Destin Library on Thursdays beginning **Feb. 7** through **April 11.** Assistance is by appointment only between 9 AM and 5 PM. Call the library at 850-837-8572 to make an appointment.

Individual income tax preparation assistance is limited to 2018 federal income taxes only. No federal income tax returns with rental income can be prepared.

- Will Rogers

A "Big, Beautiful Wall?" Yeah, Right...

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Eight futile questions about President Trump's ever-changing plan for a southern border wall:

1. Why won't Mexico pay for it, like Trump repeatedly promised?

Mexican officials won't pay for the wall because they'd have to be idiots to do it, and Trump can't make them pay. It was always a silly demand, and Mexican leaders probably had a big laugh about the whole thing in private. If anything, they were astounded that so many Americans were gullible enough to fall for Trump's idea.

2. Can't we ask another country to fund the wall? How about Guatemala, where many of the refugees are coming from?

We'd actually have a better chance if we asked the Koch brothers, David and Charles. They're ultraconservative mega-donors to Republican causes and are collectively worth about $107 billion. They could write one check and pay for the entire wall, including landscaping. Unfortunately, Trump is pissed off at the Kochs, partly because they support a plan that would allow a path to citizenship for "DREAMers," the children of illegal migrants.

So that narrows down the list of super-wealthy sources for private funding to Warren Buffett, Paul McCartney or the Kardashians, none of whom have volunteered to donate to the president's wall.

Which leaves the rest of us taxpayers stuck with the tab.

3. How much of the wall is already built?

The U.S. border with Mexico is 1,954 miles long, and about one-third of it has had security fencing for years. Some sections are being upgraded, projects that were budgeted during past administrations but for which Trump naturally claims credit.

Roughly two-thirds of the border is owned by states and private landholders, making it impossible to construct a "big, beautiful" contiguous wall. The legal battles would drag on for so long that the grandchildren of Trump's grandchildren would be in assisted living by the time the court cases got settled.

4. How much will it really cost to build what Trump wants?

On the campaign trail, he told voters that a thousand towering miles of wall could be erected for only $4 billion. People cheered wildly. Then they went home from the Trump rally, and their fifth-graders tried to explain to them that the $4 billion estimate was, like, absurd. Basically joke math.

Once he was in office, the president starting saying the wall would cost $10 billion. Then a report leaked out from the Department of Homeland Security estimating the true cost at $21.6 billion.

5. So the $5.6 billion that Trump wants in the new budget is only the beginning?

It's just a number that somebody in the White House dreamed up—big enough to look like a serious commitment, but not so big as to provoke giggles and outright mockery.

6. So how tall would the wall actually be?

Trump originally announced that it would be 55 feet high and insurmountable. Then the projections shrunk to 35 feet or 40 feet.

Last year, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency began installing 30-foot see-through panels to replace 2.2 miles of existing barrier in Calexico, California. Another 20-mile segment in New Mexico will feature slatted panels with heights as low as 18 feet, including a five-foot "anti-climbing" plate.

Some of the new wall portions are being embedded six feet into the ground, with additional concrete anchoring to discourage tunnels. This might be effective if it were done at every vulnerable point of the border, but that's another fantasy scenario.

7. So, wait—is it a wall, or is it a fence?

Trump now says he doesn't care what everybody calls it, but he does.

A feverish crowd chanting "Build the Fence!" isn't nearly as ego-pleasing as a crowd chanting "Build the Wall!" And even "Build the See-Through Wall!" doesn't pack the same punch.

8. Let's say the Democrats cave in and this thing actually gets funded. How long would it take to finish?

There's a three-mile stretch of Interstate I-95 near Daytona Beach that road contractors have been widening for four years. Just three miles.

That happens to be a complex project, but it's child's play compared to piecing together a thousand miles of supposedly impassible barrier. The job would take ages even if they were using Legos.

So the answer is that Trump's "big, beautiful" wall will never get done—and when it doesn't, none of us being asked to pay for it will be around to say "I told you so."

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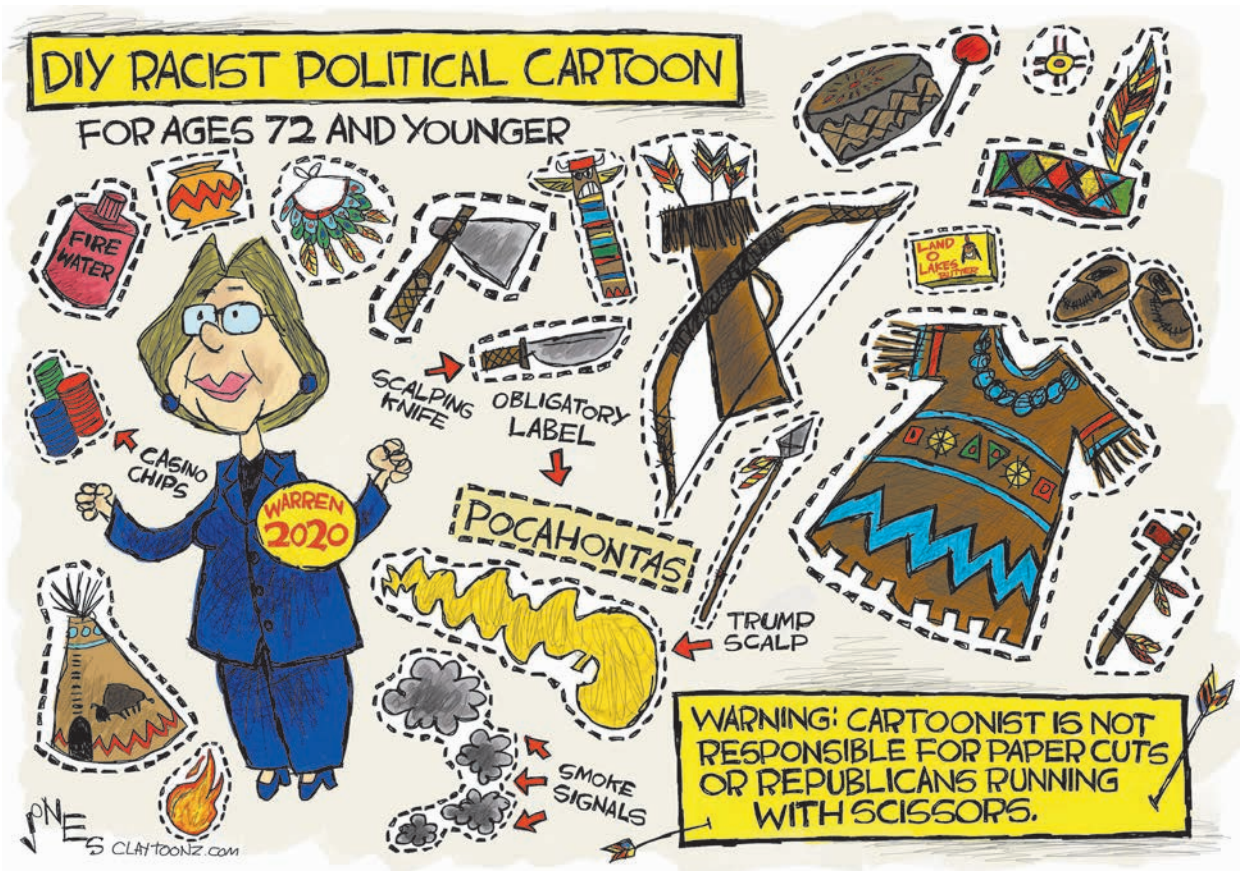

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Charles in Charge (of Everything)

By Charles Morgan III

Many people have told me this. I hear it all the time. Important people. Smart people.

What they tell me is that they are in the process of creating a position in the Okaloosa County government that will be called Chief Ombudsman in Charge of Everything.

These people—many of them very smart and wealthy individuals—are encouraging me to seek this office. The reason? They know, as I do, that I know more about how to run a county than anybody. I also know more about the military than the generals. I know more about the economy than the economists. I know more about technology than anyone.

I am highly educated, and they know that I am smarter than everyone else. I know words. Big words. I know more about construction than the builders, and I know more about traffic than those DOT guys in Chipley. I don't know if this will help, but sometimes I know more about betting on college football than other people.

Don't worry—the county commission, the school board, and the Tourist Development Council will still exist. Sorta. They will have the opportunity to play a small role in our future…by making suggestions to me. They will have absolutely no power except on the rare occasions that I might possibly entertain their opinion on an issue. ALL decisions will be mine. You can say bye-bye to gridlock.

SCHOOLS

There will be changes in the school system. Teachers' pay will double over the next four years. The best teachers' pay will triple over that time. The teachers who do not perform well will have to find another job.

Arts will be re-introduced to our schools. Music, theater, dance and art will be taught in all schools. Christianity will not be taught in public schools—however, a history of Christianity and of all the world's religions will be part of the curriculum. Kundalini yoga and transcendental meditation will be offered.

Lunch will be a little different. No more sloppy joes, but lots of hummus, tofu, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, and for special treats…Brussels sprouts.

Recess will no longer involve kickball and mindless wandering around. There will be 60 minutes of strenuous exercise everyday. It will primarily involve running, sit-ups, push-ups, and pull-ups. And maybe side-straddle-hops for fun.

TRAFFIC

Not only will we not be adding lanes to our highways, we'll be subtracting them. Widening our roads is like a fat man loosening his belt, but that's not happening here anymore. We won't be speeding traffic up, we'll be slowing it down.

There will be more pedestrians and bicyclists. There will be a massive increase in public transportation—including ferries—primarily to get people to and from work. There will be tolls for thru-traffic. We will do everything possible to discourage the use of automobiles.

TDC

The TDC will carry on raising funds, but it won't operate in quite the same way.

Its paid staff will consist of one bookkeeper. There will be no more advertising alerting people to the fact that we have white sand beaches. If they don't already know that, we probably don't need them as visitors. All of the more than $20 million raised annually by the TDC will go to increasing teachers' pay, getting rid of traffic, planting trees and creating public beach access.

This will also allow the Economic Development Council to disband. We will have the best school system in the state of Florida within four years. That will draw far more new business to our county than the tax breaks we currently offer.

In addition to shrinking the TDC, county commission and school board positions will be held by unpaid volunteers. Remember, all they will be capable of doing is offering advice…to me, which I don't really need anyway.

I can promise you that there won't be any misuse of public funds in this county anymore. To insure this, any public figure that mentions "fiscal responsibility" and doesn't mean it will be publicly flogged in an ancient Roman-style setting.

There is a caveat to all of this. I will not accept the nomination for this position—and I refuse to serve in any way—unless I am given the next $20 million from the TDC to build a wall along our beaches to protect our properties. The public beaches can be somewhere far away from our private beachfront properties owned by many of my hard working American supporters.

Our beaches are now overrun by all kinds of people—many brutal rapists, killers, vicious rapist-killers, drug people and MS-13 scumbags. We don't even know who all these people are. But we know that our women are frightened.

You know what? We need two walls. Because right now these rapist people and their drugs can attack us from the water AND COME RIGHT UP ON OUR BEACHES. Yes, we need two walls—one on the north side of the beachfront properties and one of the south side.

I know more about walls than anybody. And construction. It can be made of concrete, or steel slat things, or creosote wood stuff, or barbed wire for all I care.

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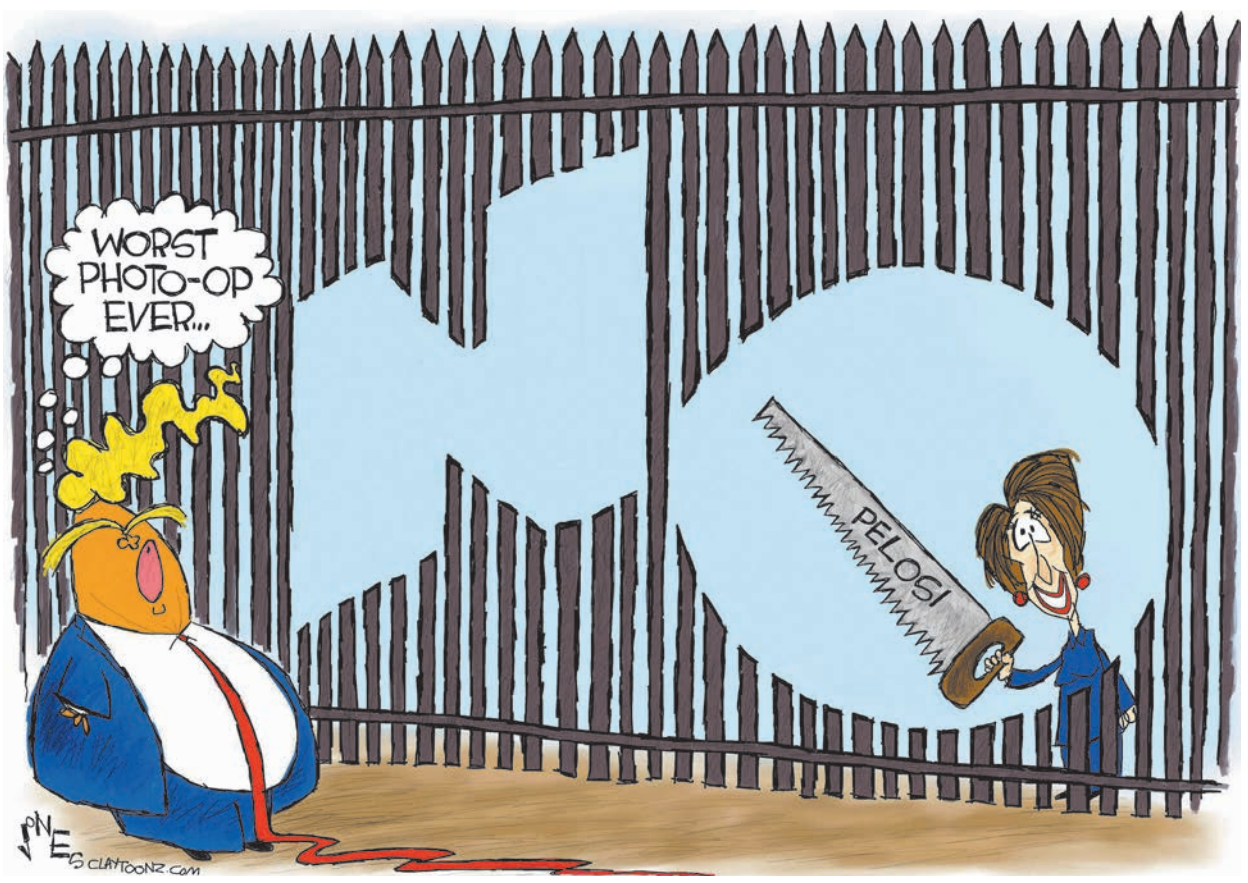

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Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 AM-noon. Cost for four-week session is $80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit **www.artistsatgulfplace.com** for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is $70 ($60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is $90 ($80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is $12 ($10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell, 9:30 AM-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is $90 ($80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Jan. 24. Sip and Paint Class with Pat Z. Roberts, 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost is $40 ($35 for ADSO members), all supplies included. Bring your beverage of choice and paint an idyllic beach scene.

Jan. 26. Welcome to Watercolors Workshop, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Join **Natalia Light** and paint a beautiful, soft landscape using a layered technique. For painters at all levels. Cost is $25 ($20 for ADSO members). Supply list on the ADSO website.

Feb. 2. Life Drawing/Life Painting, 9 AM-12:30 PM. Open session with no instructor. Bring your own materials and work with a model in drawing or painting—no photography allowed. To sign up, call or text Mike at 850-803-5707.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit **www.CHROMA30A.com** for more info.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit **Heritage-Museum.org** to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

Jan. 18. Teddie's Monthly Mobile Class, 10 AM-3 PM. Join **Teddie Ciudad-Real** and create your own unique design using driftwood, sea glass, shells and more. Cost is $35 and includes all supplies. Bring lunch. Make reservations at **teddiec@mac.com** or call the gallery.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at $85, kids at $40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, 437 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-267-2809 for more info.

Jan. 22. Paint Like Bob Ross, 9:30-11:30 AM. Register now—class space is limited to 10. Join friends and complete strangers of all skill levels while painting "Snowy Morn" the Bob Ross way.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH JAN. 27. FALL/WINTER ROTATION AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN
Enjoy the dazzling art of **Melody Bogle, Donnelle Clark, Skip Deems, Joyful Enriquez, Hayley Green, Tim Harbeson, Linda Kernick, Rosalyn O'Grady, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher,** *Beachcomber* veteran **Shelly Swanger, Jenna Varney** and **Krista Vind.** All are members of the Cultural Arts Alliance, and each will offer work for sale.

The Foster Gallery is located at 585 Grand Boulevard, Suite N102, next to Fusion Art Glass.

THROUGH JAN. 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
The spotlight falls on **Holly Bain,** whose art has been described as thought provoking and a little dark with a hint of humor. Her work includes acrylic paintings, digital art and pottery.

THROUGH FEB. 1. ADSO MEMBERSHIP SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
Enjoy ADSO members' stunning work in all media and covering all kinds of subjects. Gallery hours are noon to 4 PM Tue.-Fri., and 1-4 PM Saturdays.

JAN. 23. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
Capri Boyle Jones talks about "The Art of Rug Hooking," focusing on development and the process of creation. Cost is $12 before Monday, **Jan. 21—**after that, it's $15. RSVP to **adsorsvp@gmail.com** or call 850-244-1271.

OPENS FEB. 1. DOLLY VARI EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
The Freeport artist began her creative journey while living in Texas, where she learned to work in acrylics, painting on wood and used saw blades. Being a northern girl, her subject matter then was landscapes, including lots of snow scenes reminiscent of her childhood in New York.

Today, Ms. Vari is committed to working in watercolors on paper. Determined to paint daily to perfect her skills, the artist's hope is that her ladies, florals and landscapes will delight. As a single parent of three successful children, she is grateful for all the networking and support of the Beachcomberland art community.

The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail. Hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays and 9 AM-5 PM Tue.-Sat.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email **adaro.art@gmail.com** or visit **adaroart.com** for more info.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit **www.CHROMA30A.com** or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. **www.GAndCoGallery.com.**

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University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 AM- 3 PM. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram.

THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit **justingaffrey.com** or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com.**

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. **ShardShop.com/Grayton.** Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. **ShardShop.com/Destin.**

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM, and Sunday, 1-4 PM. Visit **www.mattiekellyartscenter.org** or call 850-729-6044.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts and Design Society's (ADSO) "Small" Show

Open to all interested artists in the following dimensions—2D, 8-inch-by-8-inch; 3D, 8-inch-by-8-inch-by-8-inch. Cash awards. Turn in work Friday, **Feb. 1,** noon-4 PM, and Monday, **Feb. 4,** 9 AM-noon. Get a copy of the entry form at **artsdesignsociety.org** or call 850-244-1271.

ADSO's 60th Annual Beaux Arts Exhibition

Open to all artists 18 and older. Cash awards. Entry fee (for two entries) is $35 ($25 for ADSO members)—additional entries may be made for $5, with a limit of three total entries. Registration is at the Atrium of the Meridian at Westwood, located at 1001 Mar Walt Drive in Fort Walton Beach, Thursday, **Feb. 14,** 9 AM-noon. The exhibition runs **Feb. 15-17,** with reception and silent auction Sunday, **Feb. 17,** 2-4 PM. For more info and registration form, visit **artsdesignsociety.org** or call Hanna at 850-582-1329.

Emerald Coast Science Center's 30th Anniversary

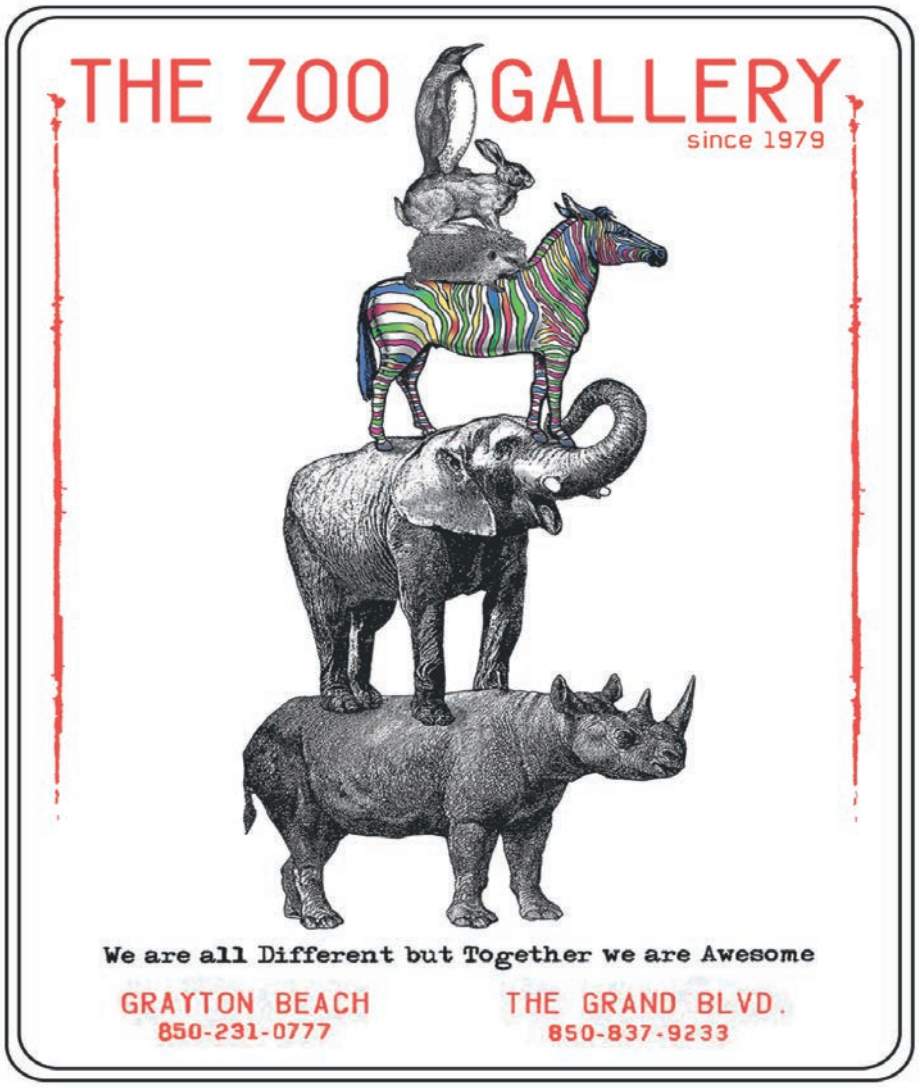
Seeking contributions from local artists for silent auction and more. Theme is "what science means to me" and/or "what you see when you think of the word science." Contact Kate at **kate@ecscience.org** or call 850-664-1261.

ArtsQuest Fine Arts Festival

The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County invites artists to apply to exhibit in the 31st Annual ArtsQuest, happening **May 11 and 12** in South Walton. Artists who apply before **Jan. 31** will receive an early bird jury and booth rate fee. Artists are invited to apply in the categories of Mixed Media, Ceramics, Works on Paper, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Metal, Oils and Acrylics, Photography, Digital Art, Sculpture, and Wood (including furniture).

The final application deadline is **March 8.** Jurying is by art industry professionals. Previous year award winners from the 2018 ArtsQuest show do not need to submit jury fee and will be automatically admitted into the 2019 ArtsQuest show should they meet the application deadline.

Call the CAA office at 850-622-5970 for details, and apply to the event at **Zapplication.org.**



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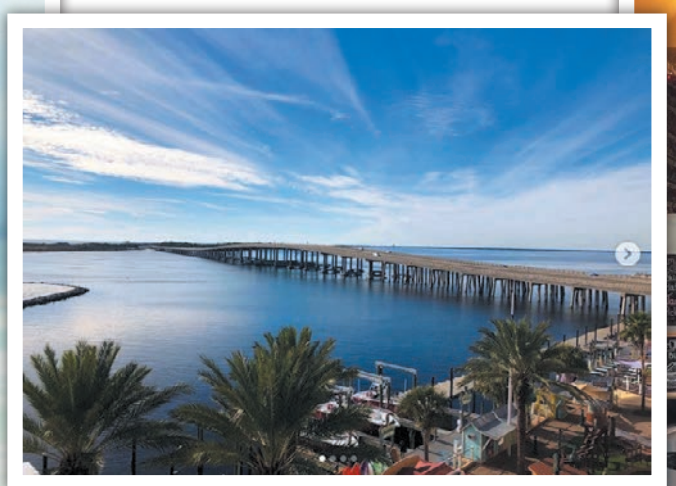

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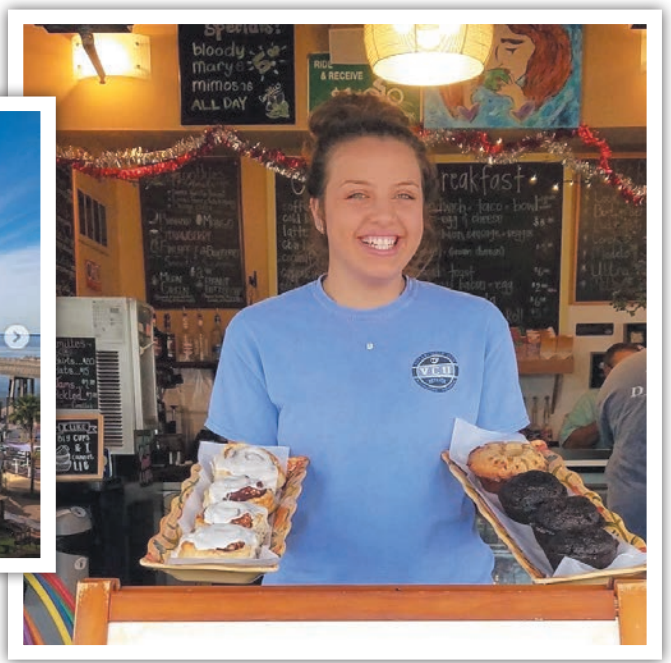


@camillesatcrystalbeach
Brooke is baking up some extraordinary treats at Camille's.

30A Fest –
10 Years of Connection and Collaboration

By Gretchen Peters

It's hard to believe the 30A Songwriters Festival is celebrating its 10th year. I've played at nearly every one, save for a couple years when I was on tour, either in Canada (note to booking agents: Florida—winter; Canada—summer!) or in the UK, my de facto second home. I have a lot of great memories of the festival, going all the way back to its early days when there were just a handful of venues and "only" 50 or so songwriters. Having been a part-time Seaside/Seagrove resident for more than 20 years, the 30A Songwriters Festival for me is, both literally and figuratively, a homecoming.

There was a memorable night at the 2014 festival, where my husband Barry Walsh and I were in the round with dobro genius Jerry Douglas at Rosemary Beach Town Hall. We invited (okay, begged) him to play on all our songs, which ultimately led to his guest appearances on my *Blackbirds* and *Dancing With the Beast* albums.

Another show that stands out in my mind was an in the round set in 2018 with dear friends Kim Richey, Mary Gauthier and Will Kimbrough at The Bay, on an absolutely frigid Friday night. We all wore three layers of clothing, and even so, the cold brought tears to our eyes. But the crowd brought the love, and we would have happily played to the point of frostbite. Such is the enthusiasm of the audiences at this festival.

In 2016 I played the main stage with my musical *Wine, Women & Song* sisters Matraca Berg and Suzy Bogguss (we'll be having a reunion of sorts at this year's festival on Sunday—check your 30A Fest schedule!), and we had a blast during our set…and the extra treat of hearing Grace Potter sing one of Matraca's songs during her set immediately following ours. These are the kinds of connections that happen during this festival, when we get to have a reunion of sorts with a lot of our friends and compatriots who are, just like us, busy touring most of the year.

As often as not, the best part of the festival is getting to hear other artists work their magic. I remember playing a show in the round with Tommy Womack and David Olney in 2011 at Caliza in Alys Beach, following Rodney Crowell's solo set which left us and the audience utterly entranced. Later that year, Rodney was kind enough to guest duet with me on my *Hello Cruel World* album (are you sensing a theme here?).

One of my favorite 30A Songwriters Festival traditions, and one I've played more times than I can count, is the Hair of the Dog Hoot, hosted by Jeff Black at Bud & Alley's on Saturday morning. The tent is always packed, and the vibe is always perfectly chill. I've played this in-the-round show with everyone from David Olney to Deana Carter to Mary Gauthier, but the one constant is Jeff himself. He's been one of my favorite songwriters since I met him in Nashville in the late 1980s, and every year I look forward to hearing his brilliant, filmic songs and his bigger than life voice.

Jeff is taking this year off to recover from back surgery, but he's asked a few of us to carry on the tradition in his absence, which we'll gladly do. Be sure to get there early for a great lineup of singer-songwriters.

And Jeff, we'll see you in 2020.

Tommy Womack: A Record That Changed My Life

Photo by Chris Heric.

Sometimes the cover art and the sound of a record tie together beautifully well. *Rubber Soul* sounds deep brown and woodsy, *Sgt. Pepper's* sounds like every color in the rainbow, and ***Revolver*** resolutely sounds black and white. It announces with stark slashing pen strokes that this is a new way to record a rock and roll band. We can do that because we're the Beatles, and we don't tolerate being bored. Please, George Martin, distort my voice.

Revolver was the first Beatles album where the inmates took over the asylum for good. And they weren't looking to make any more pretty, delicately recorded sounds that sold well. This time, John, Paul, George and Ringo were lockstep in pursuit of aggressive squawks of distorted guitar, seagulls, squashed and compressed and distorted drums, tape loops of weird shit and backward parts, and would George Martin please sir make a string quartet sound like a wall?

There's nothing "pretty" about *Revolver.* Beautiful, yes. Pretty, no. There is no reverb on anything. It's dry as dust. Every tone is in your face. There isn't much of any room sound. You're not IN a room when you listen to it. You might not even really exist. Did you ever think about that? *Revolver* is designed to lure you in with the bold strokes and great catchy songs and while you're there, let's mess with your head a little.

Let's start with a rocker about taxes with the baddest rhythm section in rock and roll, and we'll follow that by depressing the shit out of you with a story about two lonely people who die, to the minor-key blasts of a steamroller string quartet. Then we get our first taste of feel-good Beatles music with "I'm Only Sleeping," which is an earnest and beautifully performed track but with an acoustic guitar pegging the tape machine needle in the red.

Even the smiles on this album are roomless, such as on one of Paul's masterpieces, the gorgeous "Here, There and Everywhere," and even the happy brass on "Got to Get You into My Life" sounds dark and threatening somehow. They're making you smile with "I Want to Tell You" and "Good Day Sunshine," but at the same time your eyelids are narrowed. Let's let George off the leash with his first full-on Indian music with tablas and sitars played by guys who sound really pissed off.

And where does it end? It ends at the beginning. "Tomorrow Never Knows" did as much to crack the sixties in half as anything. The last lines—*of the beginning, of the beginning, of the beginning…*—signal that, while this might be the last song on the album, it's really the beginning of something new. A drone never leaves a C chord, and there's an incredible, insistent drumbeat. Wild sounds dart in and out of the song like bats flitting in and out of a streetlight—backward trumpets, the aforementioned seagulls, backward guitars, and John's distorted voice singing lyrics full of quotes from the Tibetan Book of the Dead. The moptops are dead. Long live the moptops.

It's a tip of the hat to the techies that they happily followed the Beatles into the mist. Use a speaker as a microphone and jam it up in Ringo's bass drum and see what it sounds like? Okay, we'll get right to work on that. That would be the recording engineer Geoff Emerick and George Martin himself who intrepidly hacked into innovation's jungle.

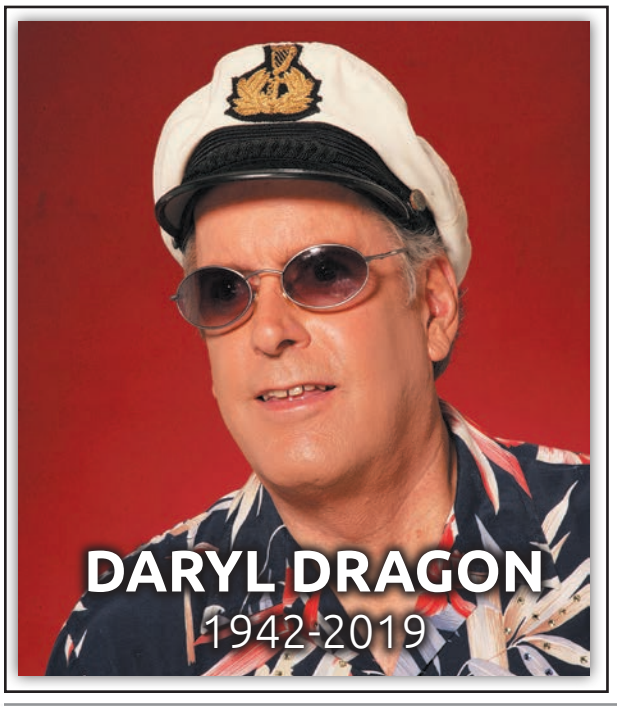
Like *Rubber Soul,* which inexplicably ends with O.J.'s theme song ("Run for Your Life"), *Revolver* also has its tragic flaw. In and amongst so many timeless tunes with bright and shining melodies that rise above the sparseness of the recordings, there is the execrable "Yellow Submarine." They should have sold it to a children's show. The cartoon movie was alright, but the song? It makes "Honey Pie" sound like solid gold. Whoever said they HAD to let Ringo sing one?

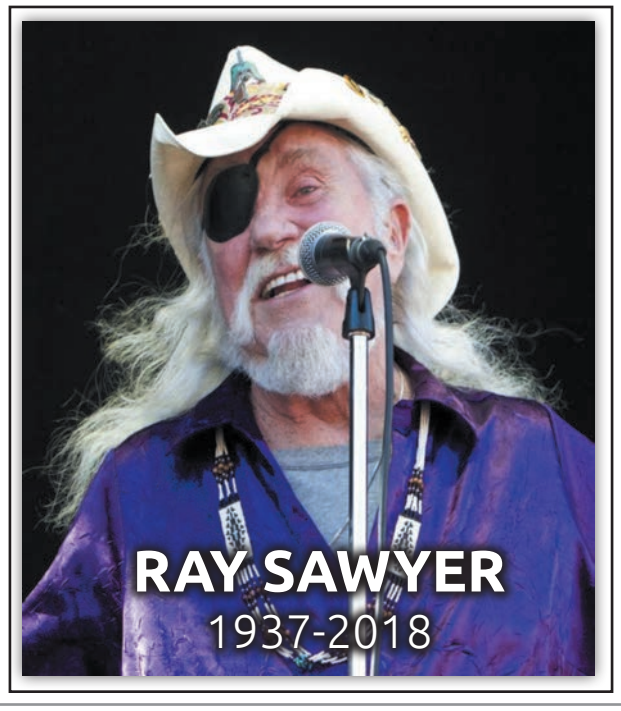
Better to leave you with some fun facts to know and tell. The twin lead guitars on "And Your Bird Can Sing" were recorded at the same time by John and George playing onto the same track. "She Said She Said" is probably the only Beatles rock track on which Paul does not appear. The day they recorded it, there was an argument about something and Paul stormed out in a hissy fit like he's done more often than people think. The others said to heck with him and finished the track on their own, with George dubbing on the bass guitar.

And, in what could have only made things worse, "Yellow Submarine" had a piece of narration they decided not to use. Forget that one. Forget all of it. Just smoke something and listen to "Tomorrow Never Knows" over and over. It's the end and the beginning.

Tommy Womack is a 30A Songwriters Festival veteran who has played in the bands Government Cheese, the bis-quits, Daddy, and Todd Snider and the Nervous Wrecks. A two-time winner of the Nashville Scene *Critics Poll's Best Song award, Mr. Womack is also the author of* Cheese Chronicles: The True Story of a Rock 'n' Roll Band You've Never Heard Of *and* The Lavender Boys and Elsie.

His latest book, dust bunnies, *is out now and you should drop whatever you're doing and read it. Discover more at* **tommywomack.com.**





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Baiju Bhatt & Red Sun

Eastern Sonata

QFTF

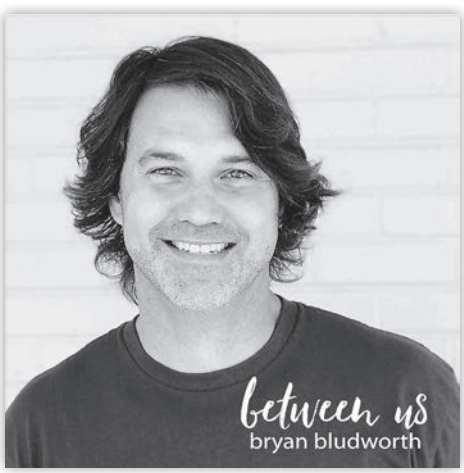
If some of the tunes on *Eastern Sonata* make you think of Country, Western Swing, Celtic, or even "Gypsy" Jazz or Rock, you're not mistaken. Violinist Baiju Bhatt, who's been playing since age six, has pursued an eclectic lifetime course of studies all over the world. He and his quintet Red Sun (he has founded another enterprise called Red Moon Collective) run the board on this album. Just when you think you've pegged it, they jump ship and land on the shores of another style. All eleven tracks burst with energy and rhythm, plus a touch of drama and mystery.

- Bruce Collier

Bryan Bludworth

Between Us

Independent



Classic storytelling and acoustic instrumentation from the local singer-songwriter. With Bludworth's slightly twangy delivery leading the way, *Between Us* mostly outlines the idea of falling in love with sophisticated lyrics. Favorites include the cheery-sounding "Me & You" and "Good While it Lasted," the latter one of the few off-theme songs. It's more original music from one of our own, and that's always cause for celebration. Even more so when it's as solid as *Between Us.*

- Nikki Hedrick

Dave Douglas

Brazen Heart Live at Jazz Standard

Greenleaf

Trumpeter Dave Douglas' *Brazen Heart Live at Jazz Standard* is taken from a four-night gig Douglas played at the New York venue in 2015, finishing up a tour. His quintet included Jon Irabagon (sax), Matt Mitchell (piano), Linda Oh (bass) and Rudy Royston (drums). I've always had mixed feelings about Douglas—sometimes I love his stuff, sometimes I wonder why anyone recorded it or listened to it. *Brazen Heart* mirrors that attitude perfectly. Conclusion: he must be a genius—pretty much every genius brings out conflicting reactions. I'll probably never stop listening to him, though, whatever he plays.

- Bruce Collier

Miss May I

Shadows Inside

SharpTone Records

As metalcore continues to rise in popularity (and slowly makes its way to radio), top-notch bands find themselves on bigger touring bills—a slot Miss May I doesn't hesitate to fill. The always-touring band unleashes their best material yet with *Shadows Inside*, a showcase for their relentless nature and ability to craft sing along grooves, sometimes even within the same song. Metalcore is known for balancing anthemic music for folks who like things a bit on the heavier side, and Miss May I walks that tightrope with ease.

- Nikki Hedrick

Simon Mulligan

American Songbook II

Steinway Standards

When you make the world's most famous keyboard instruments, you get the urge to see 'em taken out for a spin. Simon Mulligan's *American Songbook II* is part of a series of albums by Steinway, showcasing solo piano and starring...their product. British classical/jazz pianist Mulligan sits down here to cover a charming baker's dozen of tunes by Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Victor Young, Cole Porter, and others. It's just him and the piano, like he's snug at home on a rainy day, sipping tea and fiddling around on the piano. It's simple and elegant, like a little black dress.

- Bruce Collier

EDITOR'S CHOICE

SIX REMARKABLE ALBUMS BY PEOPLE COMING TO TOWN THIS MONTH

Becky Warren, *Undesirable.* At 30A Fest **Jan. 18-20.**

Rosanne Cash, *She Remembers Everything.* At 30A Fest Saturday, **Jan. 19.**

Amanda Shires, *To the Sunset.* At 30A Fest **Jan. 18-20.**

Kim Richey, *Edgeland.* At 30A Fest **Jan. 18-20.**

Erika Wennerstrom, *Sweet Unknown.* Opening for Drive-By Truckers at Vinyl Music Hall in Pensacola Thursday, **Jan. 24.**

Mikaela Davis, *Delivery.* At Vinyl Music Hall Monday, **Jan. 21,** with Lake Street Dive. LSD's recent EP is a good listen, too.

- Chris Manson

Pause&Play (the music site)

Pauseandplay.com – Since 1997, P&P has been the definitive place for music fans to find out when a new album is coming out. Also stay up on the latest reissues and music-related DVD/Blu-rays and books. Elton John says he uses Pauseandplay.com to keep track of new music, and *Entertainment Weekly* has included it on its list of "The 100 Greatest Web Sites," one of only 17 music sites to be selected.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 17

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Jam, 7-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D'VYNE, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DON MIDDLEBROOK, 5 PM

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
AARON WATSON

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

ELKS, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 6:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DAVID GAUTREAU, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
LUCKY STRIKE, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
THE STEELDRIVERS

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK, Panama City Beach
WYATT ESPELIN, 6:30-8 PM

DEWEY DESTIN'S, Navarre
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8-11 PM

DOCIE'S DOCK, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 7-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D'VYNE, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
"SHANK," 4 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton beach
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DINO LOURDI, 5 PM

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
DAVID SEERING, 1-3 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
MAIDEN IMMORTAL: Tribute to Iron Maiden

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

AJ'S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 4-8 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Downtown Church Service, 11:30 AM-1 PM
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

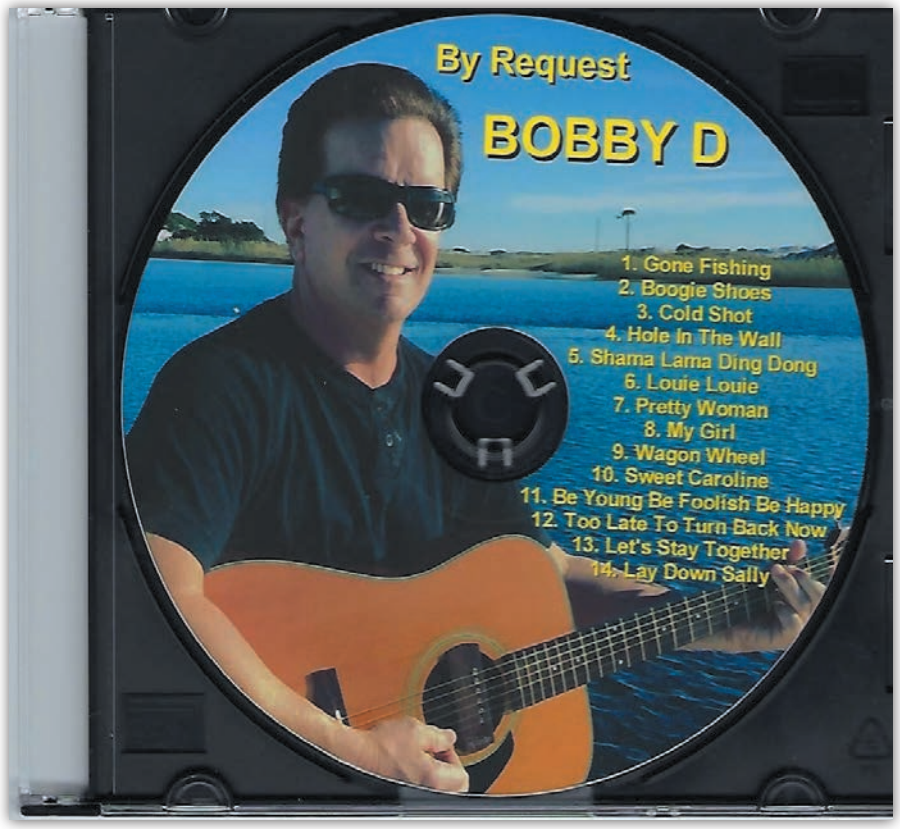
FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
TATE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND, 2-4 PM
Winter Concert Series

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 PM-3 PM and 7-10 PM



Pick up a copy of BobbyD's new CD BY REQUEST at any of his gigs, specifically Wednesday and Saturday nights at the White Sands Bowling Center's Sandollar Lounge in Fort Walton Beach.

SGT. EARL'S TAVERN, Milton
BOB CUSHING, 2 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, JAN. 21

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5:30-8:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
LAKE STREET DIVE – MIKAELA DAVIS, 6 PM

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

JAN. 18

Aesop Rock / Tobacco, *Malibu Ken**
Arch Enemy, *Covered in Blood**
Liz Brasher, *Painted Image**
Cane Hill, *Kill the Sun*
Deerhunter, *Why Hasn't Everything Already Disappeared?**
Frances Cone, *Late Riser**
Guster, *Look Alive**
Juliana Hatfield, *Weird***
Joe Jackson, *Fool**
Ronnie Milsap, *The Duets.* With Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Leon Russell, George Strait, Kacey Musgraves and more.
Papa Roach, *Who Do You Trust?**
Pedro the Lion, *Phoenix***
Maggie Rogers, *Heard It in a Past Life**
The Steel Woods, *Old News**
Switchfoot, *Native Tongue*
McCoy Tyner, *The Impulse Albums Collection*
Sharon Van Etten, *Remind Me Tomorrow**
M. Ward, *What a Wonderful Industry**

JAN. 25

Backstreet Boys, *DNA*
Bring Me the Horizon, *amo**
FIDLAR, *Almost Free**
Michael Franti & Spearhead, *Stay Human Vol. II**
Heart, *Live in Atlantic City (DVD/Blu-ray)*
Keuning, *Prismism**
KISS, *KISSWORLD: The Best of KISS**
Lula Wiles, *What Will We Do*
The Manhattan Transfer, *The Very Best of the Manhattan Transfer*
Rival Sons, *Feral Roots**
Santana, *In Search of Mona Lisa**
Meghan Trainor, *Treat Myself*
William Tyler, *Goes West**
Vangelis, *Nocturne (The Piano Album)**
Watermelon Slim, *Church of the Blues*
Dee White, *Southern Gentleman*

* Also on Vinyl
** Also on Vinyl and Cassette

Sources: allmusic.com, pauseandplay.com

Live Music Review

Bay County Humane Society Fundraiser

Vinyl Music Hall, Pensacola

Scream Out Loud

The fact is, most musicians don't make the money many assume they do. And it's especially true for those not in the national spotlight. They create music, tour, and produce merchandise to keep their bands afloat. It's why it means so much when you pick up a t-shirt or buy an album.

But they are often the first ones willing to donate their time to causes they believe in.

Shortly after Christmas, on a Thursday night, six bands came together under the banner of raising money for the Bay County Humane Society, an area horrifically impacted by Hurricane Michael. Held at Pensacola's Vinyl Music Hall, the event raised over $1,500.

The night was a stacked lineup of six bands—Shuggy, Capsule Hotel, Outlast the End, Scream Out Loud, Arsonwave, and Vagrants.

This was my first time at Vinyl Music Hall since their remodeling and scattered changes inside and out, the most obvious being the catwalk that wraps the inside of the venue, raises their capacity, and gives a bird's eye view of the stage.

We arrived a little late due to a previous engagement. High energy, post-hardcore three-piece Outlast the End was already on stage making new fans when we got there. Next up was Scream Out Loud, who I was happy to see out performing again after a hiatus (they also have some new music on the horizon). They definitely haven't lost their step.

Which brings us to Arsonwave, the locally based metalcore band who have constantly been making waves throughout the scene. Closing out the night were Vagrants, a vibrant Pensacola-based band that has continually grown their reach and can be found opening for an upcoming Parkway Drive concert at House of Blues in Myrtle Beach.

Both Vagrants and Arsonwave don't play a ton of local shows, and when you add in the fact that this was first show in ages for Scream Out Loud, it was one for the record books.

All around, this was a fantastic showing of support both for bands in the local heavy scene and a fantastic cause. It was a night of heavy music, friendship and good vibes.

- Nikki Hedrick

Live Music

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
DREAM WORLD, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM
Ladies Night

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
THE DEVIL MAKES THREE

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Jam, 7-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D'VYNE, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS – ERIKA WENNERSTROM, 6 PM

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton beach
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
FRUITION

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

DEWEY DESTIN'S, Navarre
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOMAN, 5 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7:30-10:30 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

Live Music

THE TANK, Valparaiso
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
TONIGHT ALIVE

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

AJ'S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Downtown Church Service, 11:30-1 AM
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE JAZZ BAND, 2-4 PM
Winter Concert Series

PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach
LIL' ED & THE BLUES IMPERIALS, 3 PM
FREE performance from the award-winning Alligator Records band.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 AM-3 PM
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 6-9 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
RANDY of *Trailer Park Boys*

MONDAY, JAN. 28

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5:30-8:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
DREAM WORLD, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM
Ladies Night

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

The HooDoos are Brandon Jones (drums), Jared Hall (bass/vocals/Moog) and Jordan Ballantyne (guitar/vocals). They specialize in "funky jams, rock and blues" and you can catch them at Hog's Breath in Destin Friday, Jan. 18, starting at 8 PM. More at Facebook.com/TheHooDoosFL.

"Editor's Choice - Best Music of 2018."
Chris Manson, Beachcomber

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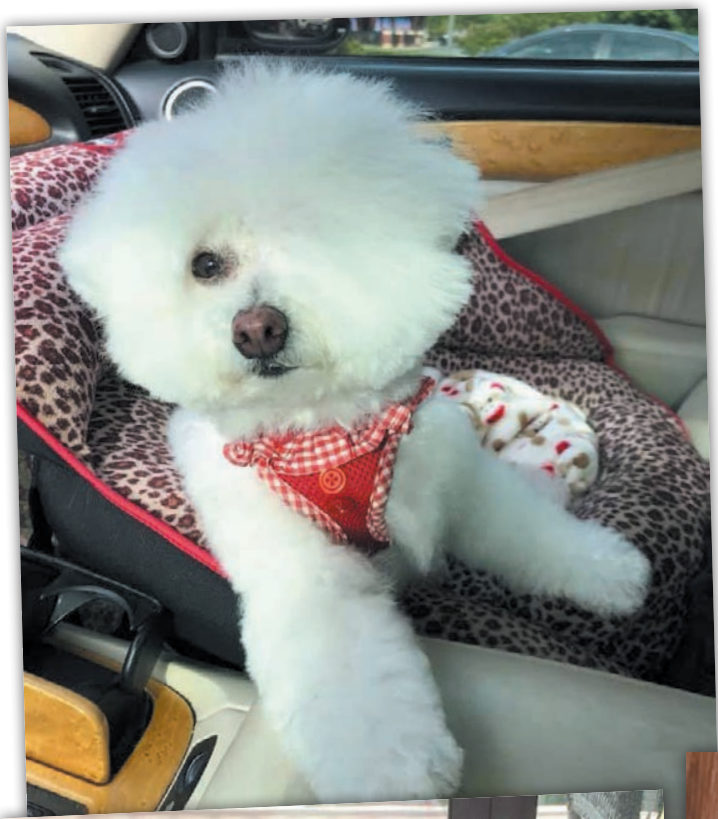
PET OF THE ISSUE

Camille

Submitted by Marilou Forsberg

Marilou rescued Camille, a Bichon Frise, from what our Pet of the Issue remembers as "a very bad environment where I had been caged and abused. I had no blanket and very little food or water. I was very sad."

Camille had lost her left eye and also had broken ribs, large bladder stones, urinary tract sepsis, and an enlarged heart. "I was dehydrated and starving," Camille tells Beachcomber. "I was infested with fleas and had gum disease and rotten teeth."



Today, Camille is cherished and loved. Her favorite place is her Momma's lap, and she goes everywhere with her parents. "I wish every person would rescue and adopt a pet like me… there are so many sweet animals who are dying at the hands of cruel or irresponsible people.

"When you adopt a pet, your life will be enriched and blessed beyond measure."

Camille says all furbabies should have a safety seat for car trips.

Camille loves riding in her stroller when she's tired from walking.

Camille in Atlanta, where she was rescued in January 2015.

Camille and her BFF Lucy, who lives right across the hall.

Submit your best friend(s) for a future Pet of the Issue feature!
Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Jan. 31 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **Jan. 24, 2019,** *or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email* **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THROUGH SATURDAY, FEB. 2

BAYTOWNE ON ICE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
BaytowneWharf.com
Hours vary daily.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SHOP AND SIP
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 5:30-7:30 PM
850-651-5100

WINTER GUEST FEST
Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island, 8 AM-Noon
fwbchamber.com
Admission is two bucks.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin…be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is $2 for residents, $3 for non-residents.

"SUPER SOAKER" INVENTOR LONNIE JOHNSON
Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, 7:30 PM (Doors Open at 6:30)
NWFSC.edu
A FREE NWF President's Speaker Series event with U.S. Air Force veteran, NASA engineer and "Super Soaker" squirt gun inventor Lonnie Johnson discussing "The Power of Perseverance."

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

OKALOOSA ARTS ALLIANCE WINE TASTING
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 2-4 PM
www.okaloosaarts.org
Wine, food, live entertainment and more. Plus—the OAA presents grants to local nonprofits. Tickets are $25, two for $45. Make reservations by contacting AMy at **AMybaty1@gmail.com** or 850-499-8335.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER
Destin Library, 9 AM
850-837-8572
Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is $5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

WINDOWS 10 FOR BEGINNERS
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572
Technology basics workshop open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin…be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is $2 for residents, $3 for non-residents.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24-SUNDAY, JAN. 27

THE 2019 FLORIDA CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY
Historic DeFuniak Springs
FloridaChautauquaAssembly.org

Patrice Frey

The annual four-day educational program for families features notable keynote speakers, educational breakout sessions, performance teas, evening dinner performances and exhibits. This year's theme is "A Journey Into Main Street America" featuring a keynote presentation by **Patrice Frey,** executive director of Main Street AMerica in Chicago.

Ms. Frey's presentation will be held at the First United Methodist Church Friday, **Jan. 25,** at 9 AM. She will be honored for her life's work throughout the country with a tree planting ceremony following her presentation in the DeFuniak Springs Lake Yard with Florida Chautauqua Association board members, City of DeFuniak Springs officials, and representatives of the Florida Forest Service who orchestrate Arbor Day promotional activities throughout the state.

The 2019 assembly is held in various buildings and facilities throughout DeFuniak Springs. FREE outdoor exhibits will be held in the Lake Yard on Circle Drive—these include a Civil War camp with battle reenactments, Florida Frontiersmen Settlement Camp, and Indoor Nature Trail by the Florida Forest Service and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, and an exhibit of vintage campers by the Tin Can Tourists. A FREE art exhibit and numerous art demonstrations will be held at Northwest Florida State College's Chautauqua Campus Friday, **Jan. 25,** and Saturday, **Jan. 26,** 8 AM-5 PM.

The keynote presentation, most breakout sessions, the evening dinner performances and performance teas are all ticketed events. Money-saving passports and day passes are available for those wishing to attend all events throughout the four-day assembly or for Friday and Saturday events only.

Full schedule and registration information is available online, or call 850-892-7613.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin…be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is $2 for residents, $3 for non-residents.

HOPE ON THE BEACH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND SILENT AUCTION
3834 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 6 PM
850-267-0322
Food, fun, prizes, auction, live entertainment and more. Chili entry fee is $10. Call or email **admin@hopeonthebeach.org** for more info.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

At LuLu's Destin's recent Noon Year's Eve event, the Doyle family took first place honors in the sandcastle display contest. This delightful creation is called "Snowmen Empire."
Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.

Events

MONDAY, JAN. 28

MAPPING THE WEB
Destin Library, 10 AM
850-837-8572
Web literacy presentation open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER
Destin Library, 9 AM
850-837-8572
Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is $5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

PHOTOGRAPHY WITH MOBILE DEVICES
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572
Technology basics workshop open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin…be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is $2 for residents, $3 for non-residents.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31-SUNDAY, FEB. 3

LADIES' SUPER BOWL WEEKEND IN ROSEMARY BEACH
Various Locations and Times
RosemaryBeachFoundation.org
The annual "Girls Getaway" includes comedy with **Leanne Morgan,** cooking with **Chef Nihkil,** style with **Mariam Gulistan,** dinner and dancing with **DJ Shane Keller,** a tour of homes, and more.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

OKALOOSA ISLAND DANCE PARTY
Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island
OkaloosaIslandDanceParty.com
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850-892-3191
This year's soiree has a Roaring '20s theme. Cost to attend is $75 for individual chamber members, $95 for non-members—includes welcome reception beverage, dinner and live entertainment. Email **gabrielle@waltonareachamber.com** for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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Three-year-old Jaxon Stone participates in the Noon Year's Eve festivities at Lulu's Destin. Hundreds of families turned out for the free kid-friendly event, which included a beach ball drop, live music from the Adam Holt Band, and bubble wrap "fireworks."
Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services—7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park, Destin Crab Trap, and the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk; 9:30 AM Xalt service (contemporary) at Destin Life Center; 9:30 AM harbor worship service at Brotula's in Destin; 11 AM traditional service at the Sanctuary; 5:30 PM sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-837-2021 or visit **DestinUMC.org**.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 AM, traditional worship 9:45 AM Sunday school, 11 AM, contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

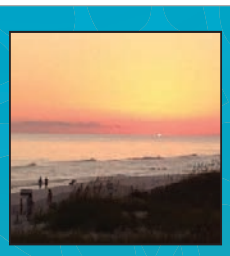
SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nightown building. **www.shorelinechurch.net.**

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.



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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. **www.ecscience.org.**

FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

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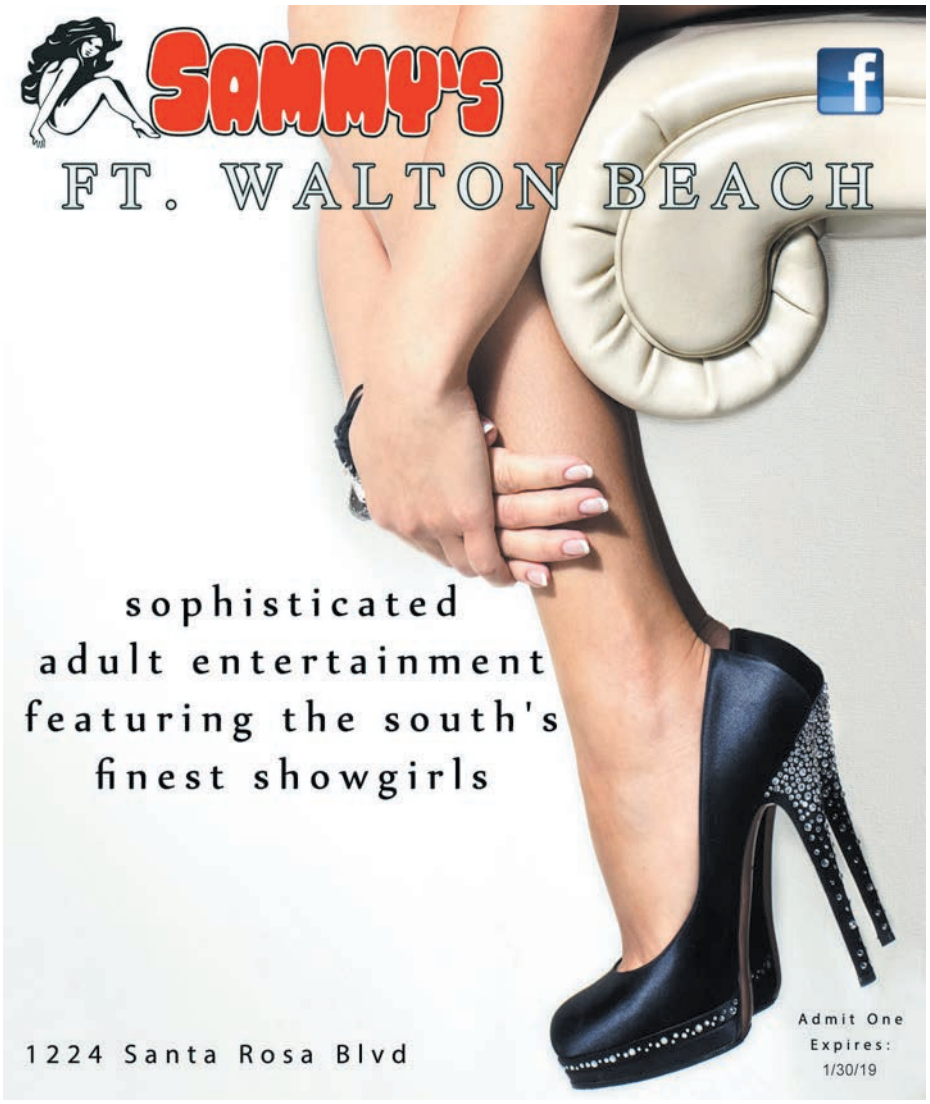

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and military and $3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk,or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. **www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.**

TUMBLING, ETC.

BEACH ELITE CHEER AND TUMBLE Here visiting and need to work on your tumbling skills? Just a short 15-minute drive from Destin in the heart of Fort Walton Beach, Beach Elite Cheer and Tumble is the only cheerleading and tumbling facility for ages 3 to 18 in the area. If you're looking for something fun and different to do, let our experienced and nationally certified staff help you out. Try a tumbling class for a $15 drop-in fee, or open gym every Friday from 6:30 to 10 PM with dinner included for only $15. For more information, visit **beachelitecheerleading.com,** call 850-362-6459, or email **info@beachelitecheerleading.com.** We hope to see you soon! **#GoodVibes**

Poet Spotlight: KMarie

"I just always strive to be the best version of me, and if I get on stage and bare my soul and it helps someone else's breakthrough, then I'm helping them be their best versions as well. That's my job, my purpose."

Though writing became a love in early grade school, it wasn't until the seventh grade that **KMarie** fell head over heels in love with poetry. Similar to dresses, every style was tried on until one fit perfectly—spoken word. It was at this time that the quiet girl realized that her voice was a gift and her words had purpose.

She is revered for her passionate presence, alluring style, relatable poems and addictive personality. KMarie, a Fort Walton Beach native by way of Birmingham, grew from a nervous first-time open mic participant at the Beal Street Bottle Club to performing in and implementing multiple sold-out shows with the SpeakTuMe Poetry Troupe at the same venue.

After relocating to Mobile, Alabama, KMarie jumped into the poetry scene full force by assisting and participating in the founding of both Mobile Speaks, the first slam team of the city; and Powerlines Poets, one of the most popular poetry groups in the area.

KMarie is a founding member of internationally known BlackOnBlackRhyme's Mobile chapter, Step2DaMic Poetry Troupe, fulfilling a longtime goal. BlackOnBlackRhyme is an organization of community, unity, the arts and love—and definitely a place she'd always wanted to call home.

With two albums under her belt—*December 1987* and *Pieces*—she believes the future holds bigger and better things. Besides performing her art, Kristina Marie maintains her role as the owner and photographer of KMariEPhotography and spends time with the love of her life, Marcus, and their beautiful daughter Amaya.

For booking or networking, email **poetkmarie@gmail.com.** Discover more at **Facebook.com/KMariePoetess.**

FROM "143" BY KMARIE

I never predicted that my love could grow like wildflowers, decorating the path to my soul, with him, wrapped up in all of his glory.

He is my poetry, destined to reside within me.

He is beautiful, no feminine intent in any sense of the word, but in every sense of its adoration.

And... I adore him with all five senses, my sixth sense is definitely loving him.

My love stems from a deep root inside me, birthed from a seed that he showers daily and I shower him.

Wash him with peace and joy, bore a bundle of it in my womb, and placed her in his arms.

Our heartbeats had never been that in sync before.

We'd never created life and watched it breathe before.

Upcoming Books

JAN. 22

S.A. Chakraborty, ***The Kingdom of Copper: A Novel (The Daevabad Trilogy)***

Margaret Feinberg, ***Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, and Fresh Food Makers***

Harville Hendrix, Ph.D., and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D., ***Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples (Fully Updated and Revised Edition)***

James Rollins, ***Crucible: A Thriller (Sigma Force Book 13)***

JAN. 29

Leigh Bardugo, ***King of Scars***

Nadia Bolz-Weber, ***Shameless: A Sexual Reformation***

Dr. Jolene Brighten, ***Beyond the Pill: A 30-Day Program to Balance Your Hormones, Reclaim Your Body, and Reverse the Dangerous Side Effects of the Birth Control Pill***

Benjamin Dreyer, ***Dreyer's English: An Utterly Correct Guide to Clarity and Style***

Pam Jenoff, ***The Lost Girls of Paris: A Novel***

Judd Winick, ***HiLo: Then Everything Went Wrong***

FEB. 1

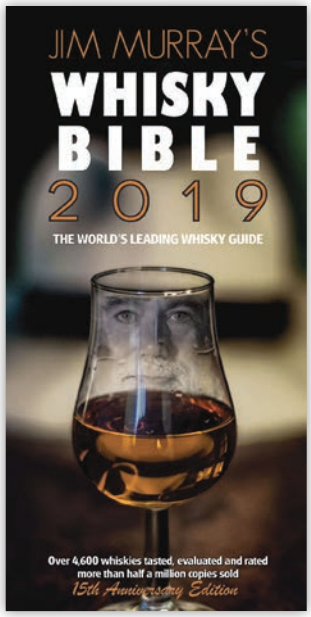
Barry Eisler, ***The Killer Collective.*** Available now for all you Amazon Prime subscribers.

Sources: Netgalley.com, Amazon.com

Recommended Reading

Jim Murray

Whiskey Bible 2019
Dram Good Books, Ltd.



This year marks the 15th anniversary of the publication of the Michelin Guide of whiskies, an annual one-man show researched, tasted and graded by curmudgeonly expert Jim Murray. This volume contains reviews of 4,900 world whiskies, of which 1,263 entries are new and/or re-reviewed. This year's top three world whiskies include two American spirits and one scotch—none available anywhere I've looked, a common post-award phenomenon.

Several years ago Murray gave first place to Crown Royal's Northern Harvest Rye ($25). It disappeared from the shelves overnight, then reappeared and is still available—for around $30. So it goes.

- Bruce Collier

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Tommy Womack

dust bunnies
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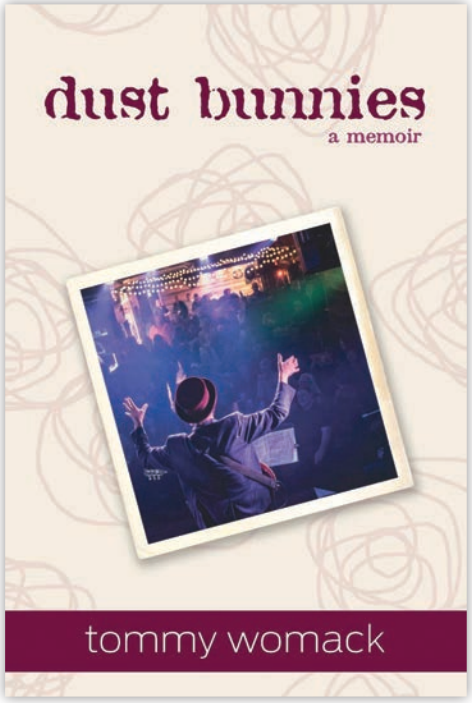
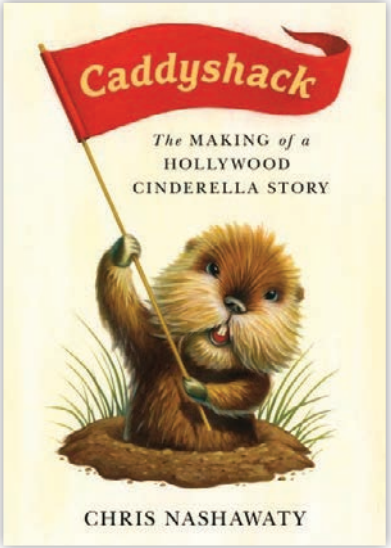


The life of a working musician has rarely translated so well to the printed page. Endlessly entertaining anecdotes about the 30A Fest veteran's misadventures (usually fueled by drugs and alcohol), his Kentucky upbringing, and much more. Not for the squeamish or the squares.

Chris Nashawaty

Caddyshack: The Making of a Hollywood Cinderella Story
Flatiron Books



Harold Ramis' golf comedy fizzled upon its original 1980 release (*Airplane!* was that year's summer smash), but it somehow manages to be hailed as a classic almost four decades down the fairway. I'm still not a fan, though I find the comic stylings of Rodney Dangerfield and Bill Murray irresistible. This is a fascinating journey—with *National Lampoon* founder and *Animal House* co-writer Doug Kenney at its heart—and at times you wonder how this mess ever made it out of the mounds of cocaine and onto the big screen.

- Chris Manson

Book Clubs

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
850-243-5731

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM
artsdesignsociety.org
The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield's *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles.* Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

BOOK LOVERS CLUB
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM
850-267-2809
The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World,* Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone,* John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie,* Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours,* Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere,* David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon,* Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto,* Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things,* and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War.*

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

ALL ABOUT BOOKS
Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

Wordmasters at The REP Jan. 25

The REP Theatre in Seaside welcomes playwright **Donald Carroll** and author **J.C. Hallman** to center stage Friday, **Jan. 25,** at 7:30 PM for an engaging literary evening of script readings, tales of world travel, historic archives and awarded writing.

Mr. Carroll and Mr. Hallman are two distinguished writers of Seaside's Escape To Create (E2C) Arts Residency. Now in its 27th season, the multi-disciplinary E2C has hosted many prominent writers whose works have been recognized by our country's top literary prizes.

During the 30 years Donald Carroll has lived and worked as an attorney in Rome, he has been actively involved in the Anglo-American theater community as actor, director and playwright. His full-length play *If Lear Had a Lawyer* enjoyed its premier run with the English Theatre of Rome in late 2017.

Mr. Carroll developed the role of the Fool as a newly minted lawyer wrestling with timeless questions of whether the rule of law is always just, whether power must corrupt, and whether blind love can always be true. The playwright will screen video of the Rome production and actors from The REP will read portions of the script.

J.C. Hallman of Brooklyn, New York, is the author of several works of nonfiction that combine memoir, history, journalism and travelogue. Mr. Hallman's numerous honors include a Pushcart Prize, a James Michener Fellowship. and a Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation.

Mr. Hallman will share research and archival photos collected on his journey to solve the mystery at the core of his forthcoming book, *The Anarcha Quest: The Story of a Slave and a Surgeon.* It's the compelling story of the forgotten young slave woman whose surgery changed medical history.

Tickets are available for $25 at **www.LoveTheREP.com.**

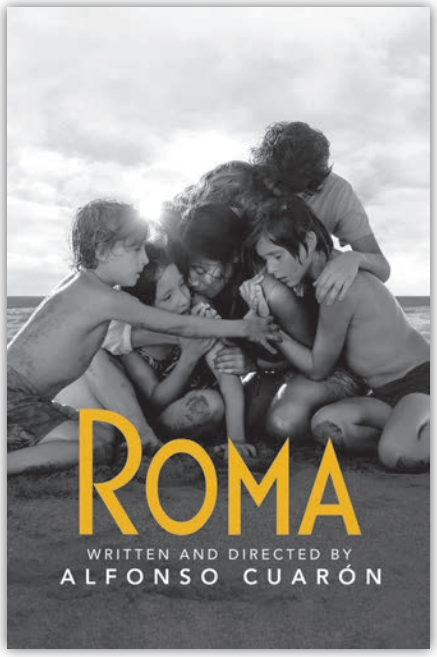
Additional information on Seaside's Escape To Create Arts Residency is available at **www.escape2create.org.**

- Marsha Dowler

Reviews

Roma

Directed by Alfonso Cuaron
Netflix



The best film of 2018. Alfonso Cuaron, a master filmmaker with one of the keenest eyes in cinema—not just for deep-focus long takes, but for understanding "otherness" (*Y Tu Mama Tambien, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Children of Men, Gravity*)—creates a film of stunning beauty, palpable heartache, and quiet majesty.

Roma has been called "immersive cinema," where the spectator feels like they are inhabiting the cinematic space; in this case, it's Roma, a bustling neighborhood in Mexico City, where Cuaron grew up in the early 1970s. The immersivity is achieved through diegetic street sounds coming from off-screen corners, a lack of non-diegetic music, long takes where the camera tends to turn rather than move, and, especially, crucial images on multiple planes of an unbelievably deep depth-of-field.

Cuaron (the writer, director, cinematographer, and co-editor) also chose to shoot in strict continuity (linear story order), withholding the screenplay from the cast and crew and dispensing lines to the actors only on the morning of the shoot. When crucial moments were depicted, both cast and crew were often caught off guard, displaying raw reactions (including weeping) while continuing to film.

Cuaron employs all these techniques to transport us into the vivid but unsettled memories of his childhood. His subtle avatar is a 10-year-old boy in an upper-middle-class family comprised of four siblings, a caustic mother, and a mostly absent doctor-father. But the narrative remains sutured to their maid, Cleo (the heartrending, first-time actress Yalitza Aparicio). Cleo ironically supplies the love and maternal attention the mother withholds from the children, yet she is continually reminded of her outsider/servant status, both by the adults in the home and by society at large.

My favorite scene of the year is the dynamic-in-its-banality opening shot, where we see stark, sullied tiles and hear the slow, somber approach of scrubbing. Eventually a slosh of water flows over the tiles, revealing the reflection of a slowly moving jet overhead. Cleo's inescapable lower class, combined with her underprivileged sex and local racial/linguistic signifiers, allow her glimpses of a soaring upper class of society, while she is forever stuck in the muck on the floor.

- Dr. David C. Simmons

EDITOR'S CHOICE
Love, Gilda

Directed by Lisa D'Apolito
CNN

For anyone that grew up on the original *Saturday Night Live* and *National Lampoon* comedy albums, this documentary is a must. Friends and admirers of Ms. Radner reflect on the woman's greatness, and for once there are talking heads on CNN who know what the hell they're talking about. Plus some very intimate home movie footage taken during Gilda's cancer ordeal—her resilience continues to inspire, but I felt like it was an invasion of privacy on my part.

- Chris Manson

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

JAN. 18

Glass. Samuel L. Jackson, Bruce Willis, James McAvoy. Directed by M. Night Shyamalan.

JAN. 25

The Kid Who Would Be King. "I was just an ordinary kid, 'til I stumbled upon that mythical Sword in the Stone…"

Serenity. Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jason Clarke.

JAN. 30

The Wild Pear Tree. An aspiring writer returns home to butt heads with his gambling addict father.

Source: Metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/ VOD RELEASES

JAN. 22

Araby. Acclaimed Brazilian road movie about a teenager in search of a better life.

First Man. The story of Neil Armstrong's dangerous NASA mission, from the folks that brought you *La La Land.*

The Hate U Give. Amandla Stenberg, Regina Hall, Russell Hornsby, K.J. Apa, Common, Anthony Mackie.

JAN. 29

Boy Erased. Lucas Hedges, Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe.

Hunter Killer. Gerard Butler and his SEAL team are out to stop World War III.

The Wife. Glenn Close won a Golden Globe for her performance as the wife. Jonathan Pryce portrays the husband.

Source: Metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

"LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE"
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 6 PM
LoveTheREP.com
Alfonso Arau's immortal classic, based on the novel by Laura Esquivel. Come celebrate the enduring love of Pedro and Tita.

Tickets are $12.50 ($10 for REP members). The REP folks are promising popcorn and chocolate.

DESTIN EAST PASS TIDE AND SUNSET CHART

1.17	Sunrise	6:43am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:09pm	Low	4:54am
	Moon	75%	High	6:51pm
1.18	Sunrise	6:43am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:10pm	Low	5:50am
	Moon	84%	High	7:43pm
1.19	Sunrise	6:43am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:11pm	Low	6:48am
	Moon	91%	High	8:38pm
1.20	Sunrise	6:42am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:12pm	Low	7:45am
	Moon	97%	High	9:34pm
1.21	Sunrise	6:42am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:13pm	Low	8:39am
	Moon	99%	High	10:28pm
1.22	Sunrise	6:42am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:14pm	Low	9:25am
	Moon	99%	High	11:21pm
1.23	Sunrise	6:41am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:15pm	Low	10:03am
	Moon	96%		
1.24	Sunrise	6:41am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:16pm	High	12:12am
	Moon	90%	Low	10:26pm
1.25	Sunrise	6:41am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:16pm	High	1:04am
	Moon	82%	Low	10:23pm
1.26	Sunrise	6:40am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:17pm	High	2:05am/4:35pm
	Moon	72%	Low	9:30am
1.27	Sunrise	6:40am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:18pm	Low	1:05am
	Moon	61%	High	4:20pm
1.28	Sunrise	6:39am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:20pm	Low	2:48am
	Moon	51%	High	4:41pm
1.29	Sunrise	6:39am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:20pm	Low	3:46am
	Moon	40%	High	5:19pm
1.30	Sunrise	6:38am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:21pm	Low	4:38am
	Moon	30%	High	6:06pm

Stage > Upcoming Stage Shows

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

"MUTTS GONE NUTS"
Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7 PM
MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
Expect the unexpected, as canines and comedy collide in a smash hit performance that will leave crowds everywhere howling for more. From shelters to showbiz, these amazing mutts unleash havoc and hilarity in a breathtaking, action-packed, comedy dog spectacular, featuring some of the world's most talented four-legged performers.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit **Alaqua Animal Refuge.** Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for youth ages 18 and under.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
A comedy with humor and heart, *Dancing Lessons* is the story of Ever, a young man with Asperger's syndrome who seeks the tutelage of a Broadway dancer so that he may learn enough moves to survive an awards dinner. **Nathanael Fisher** directs **Adam Silorey** and **Caitie L. Moss** in their ECTC debuts.

Running time is 95 minutes, and the show is recommended for ages 13 and up. Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

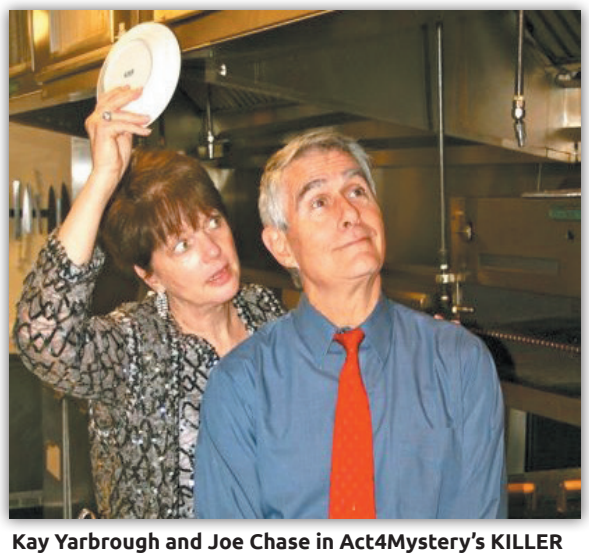
EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 6 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.



Kay Yarbrough and Joe Chase in Act4Mystery's KILLER IN THE KITCHEN, a send-up of TV cooking competitions. Way cooler than Hell's Kitchen…

Caitie L. Moss in Emerald Coast Theatre Company's DANCING LESSONS. Show dates are Jan. 17-Feb. 3 at Grand Boulevard in Miramar Beach.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

ACT4MYSTERY'S "KILLER IN THE KITCHEN"
Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, Seating at 6 PM, Dinner and Show at 6:30
Act4Mystery.com
Paula Hilton and her award-winning troupe take on TV cooking competitions, with hilarious (and deadly) results. With **Joe Chase, Missy Rogers, David Smith, Sally Whitesell, Kay Yarbrough,** and *Beachcomber's* own **Chris Manson.** Cost for dinner and show is $38 and includes tax and gratuity. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31-SATURDAY, FEB. 2

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "DANCING LESSONS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Tickets are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

AN EVENING WITH THOM GOSSOM
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Emerald Coast Theatre Company kicks off its Storyteller Series with celebrated actor, athlete and author **Thom Gossum** (*Fight Club, NYPD Blue*). Tickets are $25.

Eat Up a Storm at Hurricane Oyster Bar & Grill

My family and I started off the New Year with dinner at **Hurricane Oyster Bar & Grill,** January 1. I wasn't sure what to expect—New Year's Day can sometimes be a very relaxing and tranquil time to dine out, and I gave up on New Year's Eve parties years ago.

It was business as usual, with families, couples, and out-of-towners all drifting in for drinks and a meal. The menu is the same all day, with the exception of some listed entrees available only after 5 PM, and 3-6 PM Happy Hour food and drinks specials.

Hurricane Bar & Grill occupies a single-story, slightly rambling beach house-style structure near the intersection of CR-283S and Scenic 30A. Entry takes you into an interior patio/common area. There are outdoor tables, a beanbag toss game, and benches. The restaurant's entrance is decorated with brightly colored painted signs, colored lights, and blackboards listing daily specials.

Just inside is the bar/lounge, with booths on one side. Our hostess asked if we wanted to sit inside or outside; we chose the side patio. There is seating inside, in several rooms and dining areas. The decor is beach-eclectic, with wooden tables, booths and chairs, and hundreds of signed dollar-bills tacked to the walls and surfaces. Next to the patio where we sat was the oyster bar, manned by the busiest guy in the place—the oyster opener.

We arrived during Happy Hour, when oysters are sold at reduced rates—a dozen costs $2 less than the usual (market) price. There are also Happy Hour snacks—sliders, quesadillas, and empanadas. Buckets of peanuts in the shell are placed on every table, near the bottles of ketchup and hot sauces.

Our server Theressa took our drink orders, and my order for a dozen oysters in the shell, "Southern Traditional" style (cocktail sauce, horseradish, lemon, saltines).

Hurricane's menu offers everything from bar snacks to full meals. There's an impressive list of raw and baked oyster dishes. The raw includes Mexican (escabeche), Japanese (seaweed and ginger), Russian (horseradish cream and caviar), German (red cabbage and dill) and a "World Tour." Baked options include toppings of Rockefeller (spinach and Pernod), Cajun (spicy), sherry bacon, pepper Jack with shrimp, picatta, Casino (garlic and andouille), crawfish tails, and jalapeño with bacon and cheddar. Grilled garlic and parmesan and steamed oysters are also available.

My wife and daughter had had a large lunch, so they passed on appetizers (neither eats raw oysters). I had my dozen to myself. The previous week I had eaten some five dozen oysters, purchased at a seafood market. It's my Christmas treat, and this year's harvest was an improvement over last year's. My dozen at Hurricane were equally good—cold, plump (with one or two giants), salty and satisfying. Happy Hour price—$13, about as low as I have seen hereabouts.

For the main course, my daughter ordered a kids meal of mini-hamburgers, with fries and fresh fruit on the side, Other kid options are a six-ounce steak, chicken strips, popcorn shrimp, fish taco, fish basket, PB&J wrap, and cheese quesadilla.

My wife liked the look of the taco list, and ordered a combo platter—fried fish and blackened shrimp tacos, steak fajita, black bean and corn salsa and a basket of tortilla chips. I ordered from the after-5 PM menu—seared diver scallops with gouda cheese grits, sautéed spinach and artichokes, and sweet corn sauté.

The three tacos were well-stuffed. The fried fish was crunchy and moist, there was plenty of flavorful grilled steak, and the shrimp were good-sized and nicely spiced. I had to help finish the basket of chips.

I got five fat, sweet scallops, spiced and seared just to doneness. They perched on a mound of cooked spinach and tangy artichoke hearts, itself nestled in cheesy-rich grits. The corn sauté had a tomatoey base. It took time, but I ate it all.

Other menu options include: crab claws, wings, smoked tuna dip, BBQ shrimp, coconut shrimp, fried oyster nachos, nachos with "debris" (chili, cheese, jalapeños, etc.), jalapeño battered fried green tomatoes, soups (gumbo and the day's special, lobster bisque), salads, po'boys, burgers, jerked chicken and grilled vegetable sandwiches, chimichangas, enchiladas, blackened lobster tacos, grilled shrimp, pan seared grouper, a Louisiana sampler, coconut curry shrimp, and a ribeye.

Dessert choices are key lime pie, chocolate cake, and a daily dessert. We couldn't manage. After a quick game of bean bag toss, we retired. We will be back.

HURRICANE OYSTER BAR & GRILL

37 Logan Lane #4
Santa Rosa Beach
850-231-0787

Hours: Open Mon.-Thu., 11 AM-9 PM; Fri. and Sat., 11 AM-10 PM.

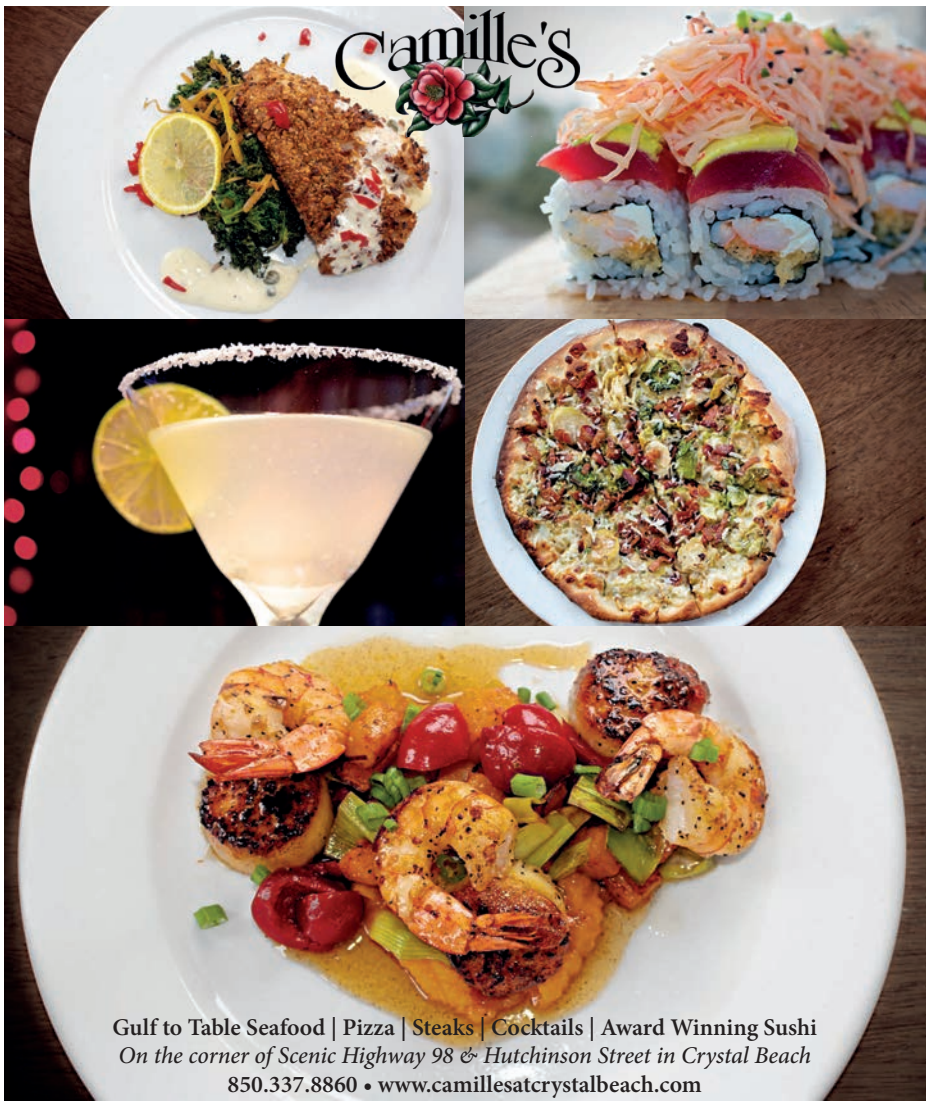
Reservations: Not necessary.

Children's Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

NOTE: Restaurant accepts cash and checks only.

Enjoy oysters pretty much any way at Hurricane. The menu ranges far and wide, from Florida Gulf Coast to Louisiana to Mexico, with fried and grilled fish and shellfish, steak, burgers, jerk chicken, tacos, fajitas, enchiladas, gumbo and Cajun specialties. Indoor and outdoor seating, friendly service, casual atmosphere. Full bar, $6-28.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More Golden Spoon Honors for 30A's Bud & Alley's

Photo by Alissa Aryn.

Bud & Alley's Waterfront Restaurant, located on Scenic Highway 30A overlooking the Gulf in Seaside, has again won one of the state's highest culinary honors, *Florida Trend* magazine's Golden Spoon Hall of Fame Award.

For more than 50 years, *Florida Trend* magazine has provided readers with a guide to the state's finest restaurants, celebrating the diversity of dining opportunities from coast to coast. The Golden Spoon awards recognize individual achievement and distinctive contributions to the Florida restaurant scene.

This prestigious honor designates Bud & Alley's as one of the Top 20 restaurants in the state of Florida. Bud & Alley's is one of only two restaurants selected from Santa Rosa Beach.

"Dining out is a major activity for Florida citizens and our more than 110 million annual visitors," says *Florida Trend* publisher **Andy Corty**. "We are pleased to recognize the leaders."

Since its founding in 1986, Bud & Alley's has set the standard for culinary excellence along Scenic Highway 30A. South Walton's longest established restaurant pioneered the farm- and sea-to-table movement in Seaside and along 30A, and they are committed to serving dishes with the freshest possible ingredients for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Bud & Alley's is located at 2236 East County Highway 30A in the heart of Seaside. For more information, call 850-231-5900 or visit **www.BudAndAlleys.com.**

- Zandra Wolfgram

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Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at **chris@beachcomberdestin.com!**

AMERICAN

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 PM Open at 3 PM Mon.-Fri. and 11 AM Saturday and Sunday. $3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. **www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.**

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit **www.restaurantparadis.com**.

ASIAN

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BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit **www.backbeachbarbecue.com**.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

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THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

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BURGERS

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CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, $5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until… We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at **GraffitiFBS.com.**

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit **www.reddsfuel.com** and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. $8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

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GERMAN/AMERICAN

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LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. $15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. $4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. **ROCKINTACOS.COM**

PIZZA & PASTA

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THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. **CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM**

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. **CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM**

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FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. **FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM**

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. **info@emeraldgrande.com.**

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. **harbordocks.com.**

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. **info@harryts.co.**

LOBSTER TAIL Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-833-3016. **THELOBSTERTAIL.COM**

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. $4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

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SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

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WINE BARS

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Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

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CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98
Destin
850-337-8860
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HarborWalk Village
Destin
When: 6-8 PM daily.
Drink Specials: $1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1
Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).
Drink Specials: $2 domestic beers, $3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), $3 house wines, $1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
34902 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin
850-424-6650
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When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus $5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.
Drink Specials: $3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, $4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, $5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

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950 Gulf Shore Drive
Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: $5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS
82 S Barrett Square
Rosemary Beach
850-534-0400
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SAMMY'S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for $5 well drinks, $10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for $6 well drinks, $12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

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When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: $1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

The Truth About Snowbirds, Narcolepsy and Black-Eyed Peas

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
I'm from a traditional southern family that always serves a big pot of black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck. This year I brought home some of the leftovers from the family dinner, but when I warmed them up for supper a couple of nights later got a shocking confession from my live-in boyfriend. Apparently, he doesn't like black-eyed peas. He never mentioned this in the entire 10 years we've been together! This feels like a deal-breaker. What should I do?

- Aimee B., Baker

Are you upset that he doesn't like black-eyed peas, or because he didn't tell you for 10 years? If it were me, I'd be upset about the 10-year thing. Why didn't he mention it before? And what else is he hiding? Because this definitely feels like something he hid from you at least once a year for 10 years.

In my family, my sister, her husband and all her kids don't like black-eyed peas, but they all take one bite for good luck on New Year's Day. Yes, the experience is unpleasant and disgusting for them, but they do it for tradition and they don't hide the fact they don't like them. You should probably sit down with him and find out what else he is hiding. I hate to say it, but this is obviously more than a black-eyed pea thing, and could very well be a deal-breaker.

Dear Dawn,
I watch a lot of late-night television, and I've noticed an increase in commercials for medication to deal with narcolepsy. The weird thing is, the people they depict in the commercials don't seem to have anything wrong with them except they're tired all the time. I'm tired all the time. Do I have narcolepsy?

- Ted S., Santa Rosa Beach

I'm not a doctor, Ted, but that really doesn't sound like narcolepsy to me. I met a guy with narcolepsy recently, and believe you me, he was more than just tired. This guy would sit down in a chair and immediately fall asleep with his eyes open. And not just open, they were slightly crossed so he looked like some kind of weird mannequin. I saw this guy sleeping with a forkful of food hanging mid-air headed for his mouth. Asleep standing up inside the cockpit of a plane we were touring. Asleep in a tunnel, on a couch, in a restaurant, in mid-sentence and simply standing up attempting to look at something on a computer screen.

Are you exhibiting any of this kind of behavior? Because if not, if you're just "tired all the time," I'd suggest avoiding your gadgets before bedtime, going to bed earlier, cutting back on caffeine, and listening to soothing white noise like ocean waves or rain when you lay down. That's what I do and it's very effective, especially the ocean waves part. But if it's more than just being tired, seek professional help immediately. Those medications they advertise are more than just white noise, and you deserve to live your life with your eyes wide open!

Dear Dawn,
My husband and I are from Wisconsin. We come to the Destin area every year for a few months to get away from our weather and enjoy yours. I understand we are called "Snowbirds," but I don't really know why. I looked up Snowbirds and it doesn't seem to describe us at all. So why are we called Snowbirds?

- Nancy M., Madison, Wisconsin

It's all in how you look it up, Nancy. There's Snowbird, Utah, home of the "Greatest Snow on Earth" (and I should know, I skied Snowbird a zillion times in my 20s); there's the Canadian Forces 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, Canada's military aerobatics flight demonstration team who are called the Snowbirds; there are actually winter birds categorized as Snowbirds, and then there's you.

If you look up "Snowbirds in Florida," you'll see it's a term to describe a resident of a northern state who spends winters in the south to avoid the cold and snow. Now we do have our small share of "cold" (it was 35 degrees when I got up this morning), but snow is rare and you've definitely come to the right place to avoid it. And we welcome you! Enjoy Destin, and be sure to read *Beachcomber* cover-to-cover so you don't miss any of the fun events we have going on this month!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to **office@beachcomberdestin.com.**

Horrorscopes

AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19

You've heard "To whom much is given, much is expected"? Not in your case. For one, you weren't blessed with much in the way of wit, wisdom, common sense or a winning personality. For another, you've let down people your whole life—not much is expected to change.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

The new moon in Capricorn could help with your vision of yourself and your future. But it won't. Your myopic approach to the world prohibits you from seeing what's around the corner. Everything around the corner is frightening. Avoid weekends and Wednesdays. Even numbers and 3 and 5 are not good for anything in your world.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20

Aries hosts Mars—yippee. Everything clicks for Aries. Short term goals—check. Midterm goals—check. Long term goals—check, check, check. Relationships with friends and family—superb. Financial matters—off the charts. Health and fitness—excellent marks across the board. Kick back and relax, and enjoy the beauty of a life well lived. You deserve it.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21

The Capricorn moon means your life will be in a dizzying spiral of near-doom. Do not trust anyone. Do not sign anything. Avoid domestic pets and unusual wild animals. Watch out for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The numbers 3, 6 and 8 will have horrific implications.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If you feel nauseous, it could be because Venus just joined Jupiter. Your technique of buying high and selling low catches up with you. Your obsession with appearance, money, success and frivolity has put you in a disastrous situation. Accept your station in life—obesity, failure and poverty. You won't be happy, but maybe you can sleep at night.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

The solar eclipse in Capricorn is an omen of fearful circumstances involving blood, disease and broken bones. Maybe a hip. You strive for security, but you won't find it anywhere, at any time, in any aspect of life. Your lucky number is 961. Your lucky flower is *strongylodon macrobotrys*. It grows in the jungle of the Philippines.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23

For God's sake, don't be honest with yourself or anyone else. Honesty is NOT always the best policy. The adage "the softest pillow is a clear conscience" does not apply to you. Here's another half-assed suggestion: "Don't make promises you can't keep." In your case, don't ever promise anything. Even to yourself. Stay away from water, wooded areas, crosswalks and buildings taller than three stories.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23

Meditation, yoga, ice baths, floating in salt water...it's all a hoax. The last thing you need is quiet time to "get in touch with your self." THAT you don't want to do. Frequent noisy, complicated spaces that force you to think about anything...EXCEPT YOURSELF. It might be time to assume someone else's identity. I know some people who can help with that.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23

You are that rare type who plants trees knowing that you'll never live long enough to enjoy the shade. The world is desperate for more Libras. There is a strong movement to encourage people to procreate in December so that the majority of people worldwide will be Libras. OH, HAPPY DAY! You make us all proud.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

The lunar eclipse will cause distress, consternation and depression. You have done a remarkable job of dumbing down and redefining success. You've set the bar so low for yourself and harbor such pitiable expectations that a modicum of success should be attainable. Alas, you must lower the bar so that only a snail-type slug thing can squirm under it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21

The eclipse in Capricorn wreaks havoc on any ideas of normalcy in your life. Simple things like taking the garbage out, feeding the pets, making your bed, cleaning your revolting hovel of a house...all these things are beyond reach. Maybe book a trip to India to one of those ashrams where you don't speak or do anything for about a month. It can't hurt.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

You've experimented with different sedatives to try to escape the freakish nightmares that plague you throughout the night, to no avail. The eclipses scattered throughout the planets turn darkness into a bleak, revolting, horrific hell. The best option is to forego sleep. You might be crankier than normal, but you should be able to accomplish some menial tasks.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2 | 2PM

Beads, dazzling floats, street performers and live music at the biggest Mardi Gras parade on the Destin Harbor! Does your Krewe want to be IN the parade? Email: RMagee@HarborWalkVillage.com

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TUESDAY, MARCH 5 | 5PM

Revel in free red beans & rice and enter your festively dressed pup in the Mardi Gras-themed Pet Costume Contest held at 6pm. Prizes awarded! $10 entry or donation of a bag of dry dog food.

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